

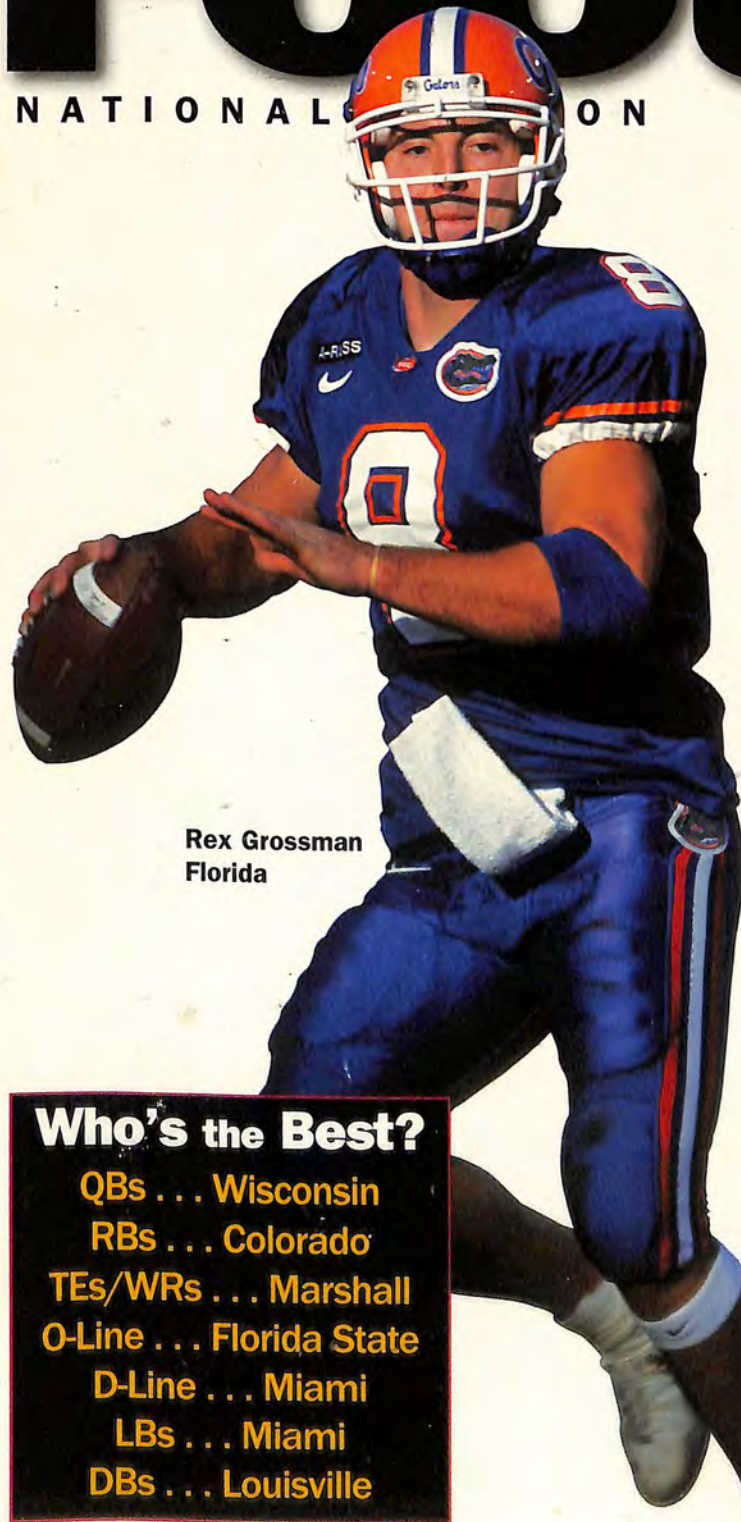
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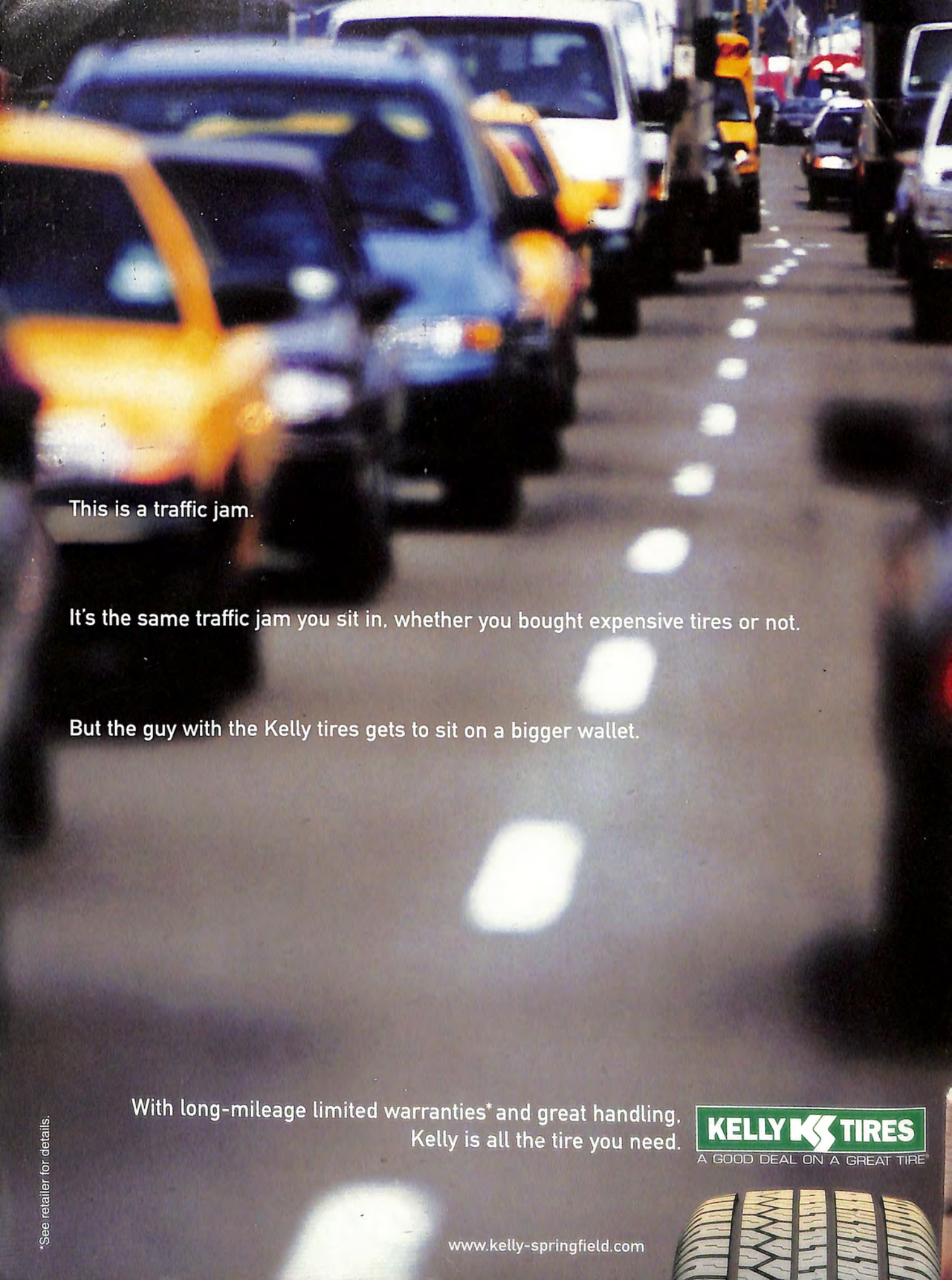
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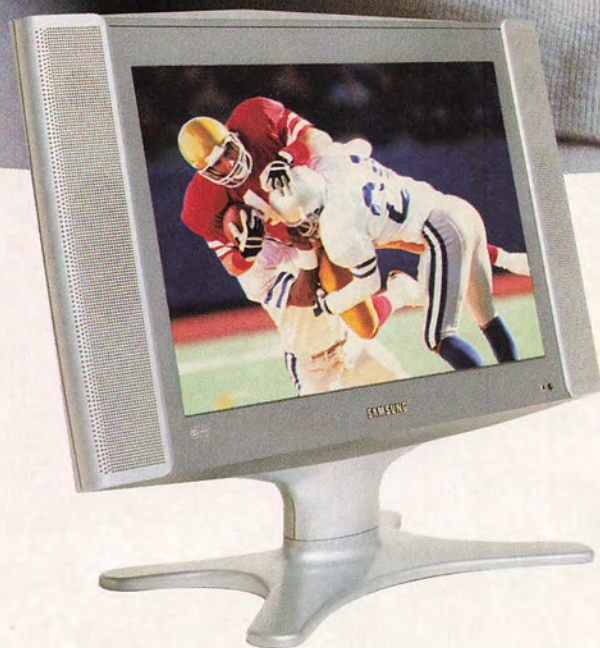
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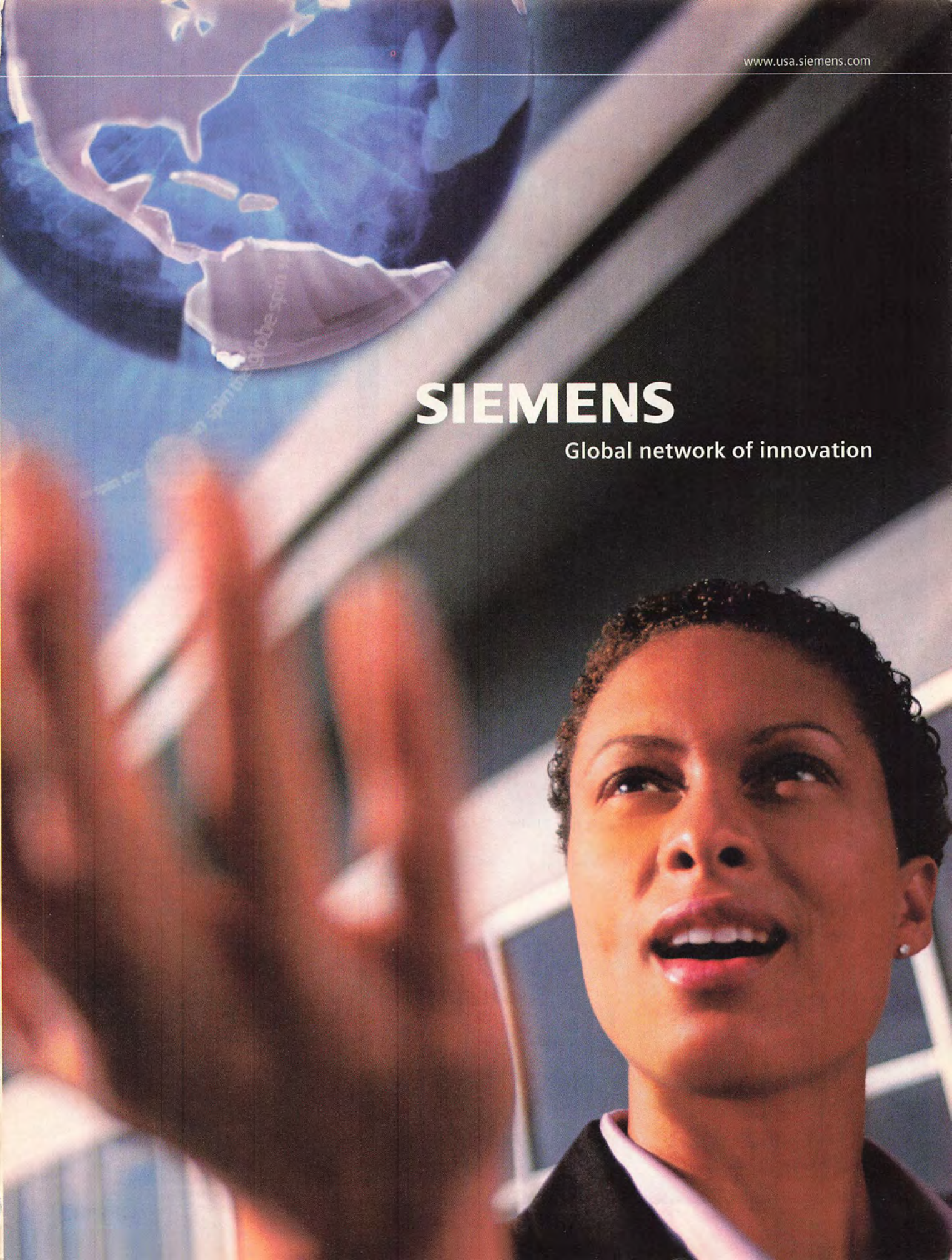
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editor's letter

I was pretty much destined to be a passionate college football fan. Consider the following: My dad, a 1961 graduate of the University of Alabama, wanted to name me Bryant; and the first piece of artwork — and I use that term loosely — I ever remember on my wall as a kid was a framed picture of Bear Bryant. With the Bear hovering over me all of those years, I had little choice but to adopt college football as my favorite sport.

One of the first games I remember watching was the 1979 Sugar Bowl when Alabama, aided by a legendary goal-line stand, beat Penn State to claim a share of the National Championship. My parents hosted a New Year's Day party and dressed me up in an Alabama cowboy hat, Alabama sweat pants and an Alabama jersey. We had recently moved to New Jersey and virtually all of my parents' friends were Penn State fans. Needless to say, it was a very happy day at the Light house.

More than two decades have passed since Jeff Rutledge quarterbacked the Tide to that sweet Sugar Bowl win, but my love for college football remains as strong as ever. (My allegiance, however, has changed. I traded in my Crimson & White for Black & Gold just a few weeks after enrolling at Vanderbilt University in the fall of 1989.)

My interest in college football took on a new meaning just over a year ago when I joined the editorial staff at *Athlon Sports*. Before, it was my passion; now, it is my job. Along with my fellow editors, I am charged each spring with producing eight college football magazines previewing the upcoming season: this National Edition, along with seven regional editions. It is a tremendous task we take on each April

and May, but it truly is a labor of love. And some of our favorite times occur when we head to the *Athlon Sports* War Room to make our annual predictions.

Armed with pages and pages of data on each team we hunker down and do our best to accurately forecast the upcoming football season. We have learned that very few college football fans are happy with our predictions. I'd estimate about 70 percent of you think we have underrated your team; maybe 10 percent of you are actually upset that we have overrated your team and therefore placed too much pressure on them. So that leaves about 20 percent of you who think we might have done a pretty decent job.

Our picks are ultimately put to the test each fall when the games are actually played on the field — not in the magazine. Sometimes we are right (Florida State in 1999); sometimes we are close (Florida State in 2000); and sometimes we are wrong (Florida in 2001). But we are stuck with these picks for the course of the season; they are in print and there for the college football world to see. And this has altered the way I watch college football. I now have a rooting interest in literally every Division I-A game in the country each Saturday because every game plays a role in how well — or how poorly — our predictions come out. No game is insignificant. No game is without ramifications.

Now this doesn't mean I am rooting against your school if we have your team picked low; I am simply rooting for our picks. This year, for instance, we have Oregon ranked No. 25, which might be the lowest preseason projection for the Ducks you will find. So, will I be happy if Mike Bellotti's club stumbles out of the gate and loses a game or two in September? Yes. Does it mean I have anything against Oregon? No. In fact, last year, when we picked the Ducks to win the Pac-10 title, we cheered every Joey Harrington comeback and celebrated the school's first league championship since 1994.

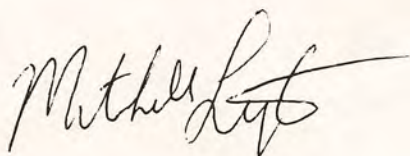
It's never personal. It's all about the picks. That's why my new favorite teams are Florida State, Texas, Miami, Oklahoma, Washington, LSU, Colorado, Michigan and Florida. (And yes, I did leave out one team in our 2002 Top 10. There are some teams I simply can't root for.)

We hope you enjoy our 2002 previews, both the National Edition and our Regional magazines that cover your favorite team on a more comprehensive basis.

If you live in an area that is outside your primary interest (for example, a Big Ten fan living in SEC country), you can now order the magazine of your choice at our Web site, www.athlonsports.com. In addition, you can order different covers within the same region (a fan living in Georgia can order an SEC magazine with an Alabama/Auburn cover).

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The 2nd Annual Athlon Awards

On Saturday afternoons the players stand together on a sideline, representing a school, a town, perhaps even a state. For so much of the rest of the week — for much of their football lives — they are divided into small groups that occupy darkened rooms and separate corners of the practice field. The members of the groups study tapes. They listen to position coaches teaching details and techniques. They challenge and console one another, and run isolated drill after drill, honing their skills. Among the elite, the level of talent, or experience, or cohesion — or all three — can be so great that a single unit can carry an entire team to New Year's Day.

Athlon honors the best of these units in 2002 with the second annual Athlon Awards.



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TOP QB UNITS

1. WISCONSIN
2. TEXAS
3. WASH. STATE
4. GEORGIA
5. TEXAS TECH
6. FLORIDA STATE
7. FLORIDA
8. LOUISVILLE
9. MIAMI
10. LOUISIANA TECH

TOP LB UNITS

1. MIAMI
2. GEORGIA TECH
3. COLO. STATE
4. AUBURN
5. COLORADO
6. TEXAS A&M
7. ARIZONA
8. ILLINOIS
9. FLORIDA STATE
10. WASHINGTON

TOP DL UNITS

1. MIAMI
2. OKLAHOMA
3. MICHIGAN
4. ALABAMA
5. WASH. STATE
6. FLORIDA STATE
7. TEXAS
8. BOSTON COLLEGE
9. UTAH
10. LOUISVILLE

TOP WR/TE UNITS

1. MARSHALL
2. TEXAS
3. ILLINOIS
4. OKLAHOMA
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6. CLEMSON
7. OREGON
8. MIAMI
9. CINCINNATI
10. WYOMING

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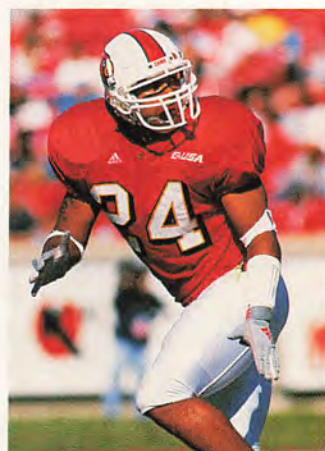
1. COLORADO
2. VIRGINIA TECH
3. NEBRASKA
4. ALABAMA
5. TEXAS
6. UNLV
7. COLO. STATE
8. WAKE FOREST
9. MIDDLE TENN.
10. BOISE STATE

TOP OL UNITS

1. FLORIDA STATE
2. WISCONSIN
3. GEORGIA
4. IOWA
5. COLORADO
6. BOSTON COLLEGE
7. MIAMI
8. WASH. STATE
9. MARYLAND
10. ALABAMA

TOP DB UNITS

1. LOUISVILLE
2. ILLINOIS
3. OKLAHOMA
4. ARKANSAS
5. TEXAS A&M
6. UCLA
7. OREGON STATE
8. NORTH TEXAS
9. NO. ILLINOIS
10. GEORGIA TECH



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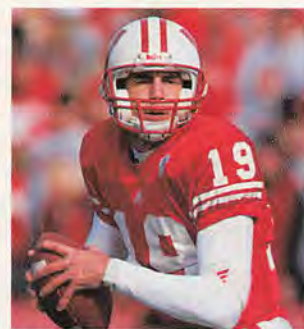
1. WISCONSIN

Wisconsin returns not one but two 1,000-yard passers from last season. Brooks Bollinger is now a senior with a 22-7 record as a starter, including 6-3 against nationally ranked opponents. Over his first three years, he has completed 54 percent of his passes for 3,869 yards and 24 touchdowns. He has also run for 1,301 career yards and has been the Badgers' second-leading rusher all three years. Junior Jim Sorgi started three games last season with Bollinger nursing injuries. In eight appearances, Sorgi threw for 1,096 yards and nine touchdowns. Matt Schabert appeared in one game as a freshman in 2001, against Michigan State when both Bollinger and Sorgi were injured, and completed 10-of-18 for 177 yards and two touchdowns.



Steve Weismann

Brooks Bollinger



Brian Elmer

Jim Sorgi

2. TEXAS

Chris Simms is a senior now and fan favorite Major Applewhite won't be breathing down his neck any more. Simms' career ledger shows a school record 58.3-percent completion rate with 3,890 passing yards and 32 touchdown tosses. Last season he completed 59 percent for 2,603 yards and 22 touchdowns. Chance Mock, a 1999 High School All-American, completed his only pass attempt last season for a 21-yard touchdown. All eyes will be on incoming freshman Vincent Young, the 2001 *Parade* High School Player of the Year who passed and ran for 3,819 yards and 59 touchdowns last season at Madison High in Houston.



Chris Covatta

Chris Simms

3. WASHINGTON STATE

Jason Gesser is back at quarterback for Washington State after leading the Pac-10 in both passing and total offense in 2001. The senior from Honolulu completed 184-of-335 for 2,729 yards and 25 touchdowns on his way to second-team all-conference honors behind Oregon's Joey Harrington. Junior Matt Kegel, a two-game starter in 2000, returns as Gesser's backup after seeing action in every game last year and connecting on 20 of his 42 attempts.



Greg Trot

Jason Gesser

4. GEORGIA

Quarterback depth at Georgia is almost unwieldy. Sophomore David Greene, the 2001 Southeastern Conference Freshman of the Year, completed 59 percent of his passes (192-of-324) for 2,789 yards and 17 touchdowns. His yardage and touchdown totals were school freshman records, and he threw for over 300 yards three times. Senior Cory Phillips made four starts two years ago, completing 89-of-158 for 1,093 yards and eight TDs. Redshirt freshman D.J. Shockley was one of the nation's most ballyhooed quarterback recruits two years ago.

5. TEXAS TECH

Texas Tech's Kliff Kingsbury led the nation in passing last season with an average of 33.1 completions per game. He completed 69 percent of his throws for 3,502 yards and 25 touchdowns and set a school postseason record with 309 passing yards in last season's Alamo Bowl. B.J. Symons, a 66-percent passer on 23-of-35 with two scoring tosses last season, is back as the Red Raiders' second-team QB.

6. FLORIDA STATE

Florida State quarterback Chris Rix finished eighth nationally in passing efficiency last fall, completing 58 percent of his passes (165-of-286) for 2,734 yards and 24 touchdowns. He averaged an eye-opening 9.6 yards per attempt. Adrian McPherson tossed two touchdown strikes and no picks in nine games of action last year as a true freshman. And sophomore Fabian Walker, a former Georgia High School Player of the Year, is eligible now after sitting out last fall.

7. FLORIDA

Florida quarterback Rex Grossman's passing numbers last fall were almost obscene. A 300-yard passing game is just another day at the office for the returning All-American. In 2001, Grossman averaged 10 yards per attempt, completing 66 percent for 3,896 yards with 34 TD tosses. Redshirt freshman Ingle Martin made a positive impression in the spring and Gavin Dickey is one of the nation's most touted quarterback recruits.

8. LOUISVILLE

Louisville lefty Dave Ragone is a two-time Conference USA Offensive Player of the Year. The 6'4", 250-pound senior led the league last fall in passing efficiency, total offense, passing yardage, completion percentage and touchdown passes. His 23-to-7 touchdown-to-interception ratio far outpaced the rest of C-USA's passers. Ragone's backup, Stefan LeFors, also returns to action for 2002.

9. MIAMI

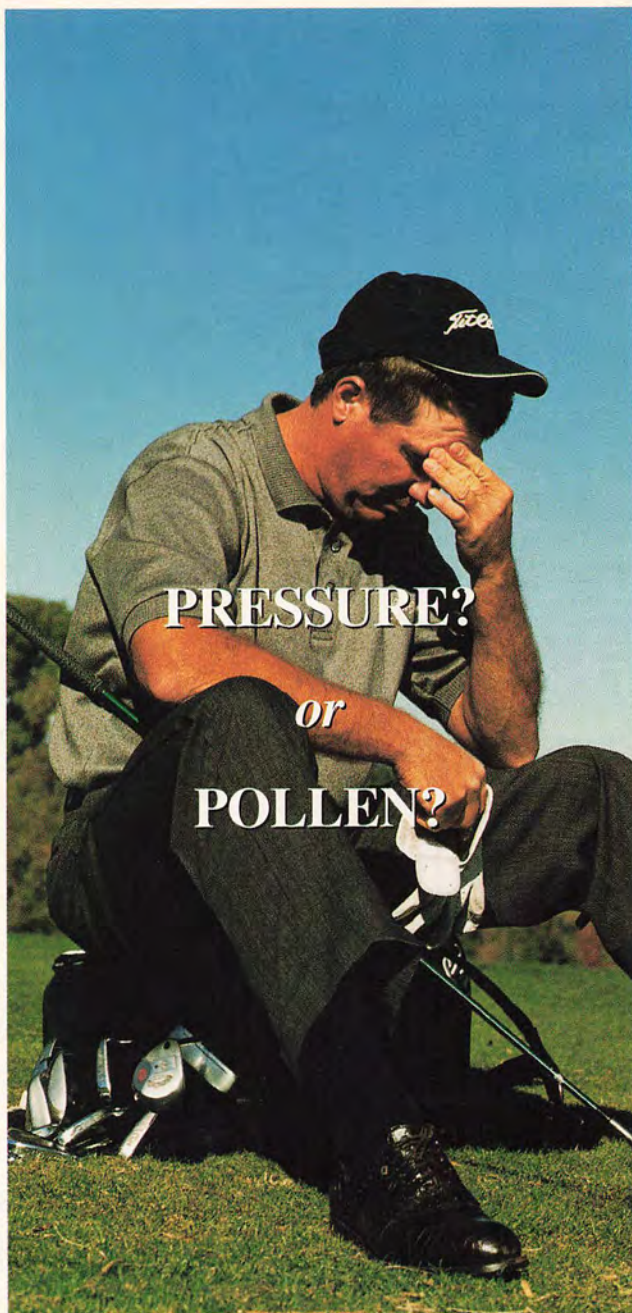
In 2001, Miami quarterback Ken Dorsey was first-team All-Big East, second-team *Associated Press* All-America, won the Maxwell Award and finished third for the Heisman Trophy. In his first three years, Dorsey has completed a hair under 60 percent of his passes for over 6,000 yards and 58 touchdowns, and he is 26-1 as a starter. Incoming freshman Marc Guillon went to the same high school (Orinda HS, in Miramonte, Calif.) as Dorsey.

10. LOUISIANA TECH

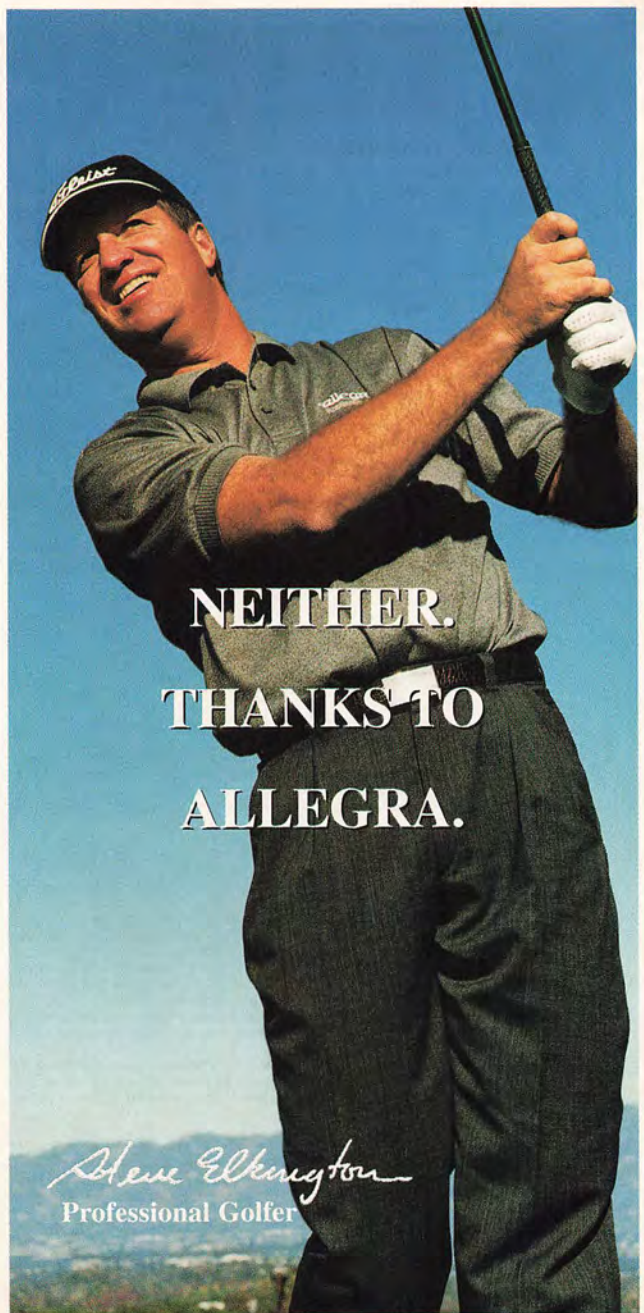
Louisiana Tech quarterback Luke McCown was a Freshman All-American in 2000 and last year was second-team All-WAC behind David Carr of Fresno State. McCown quarterbacked the Bulldogs to eighth place on the nation's passing offense charts in 2001 by completing 277-of-469 for 3,337 yards and 28 touchdowns.

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ALLEGRA is indicated for treatment of uncomplicated skin manifestations of chronic idiopathic urticaria in adults and children 6 years of age and older. It significantly reduces pruritus and the number of wheals.

CONTRAINDICATIONS

ALLEGRA is contraindicated in patients with known hypersensitivity to any of its ingredients.

PRECAUTIONS

Drug Interaction with Erythromycin and Ketoconazole

Fexofenadine hydrochloride has been shown to exhibit minimal (ca. 5%) metabolism. However, co-administration of fexofenadine hydrochloride with ketoconazole and erythromycin led to increased plasma levels of fexofenadine hydrochloride. Fexofenadine hydrochloride had no effect on the pharmacokinetics of erythromycin and ketoconazole. In two separate studies, fexofenadine hydrochloride 120 mg twice daily (two times the recommended twice daily dose) was co-administered with erythromycin 500 mg every 8 hours or ketoconazole 400 mg once daily under steady-state conditions to normal, healthy volunteers (n=24, each study). No differences in adverse events or QT_c interval were observed when patients were administered fexofenadine hydrochloride alone or in combination with erythromycin or ketoconazole. The findings of these studies are summarized in the following table:

Effects on steady-state fexofenadine hydrochloride pharmacokinetics after 7 days of co-administration with fexofenadine hydrochloride 120 mg every 12 hours (two times the recommended twice daily dose) in normal volunteers (n=24)

Concomitant Drug	C _{max,SS} (Peak plasma concentration)	AUC _{0-12h} (Extent of systemic exposure)
Erythromycin (500 mg every 8 hrs)	+82%	+109%
Ketoconazole (400 mg once daily)	+135%	+164%

The changes in plasma levels were within the range of plasma levels achieved in adequate and well-controlled clinical trials.

The mechanism of these interactions has been evaluated in *in vitro*, *in situ*, and *in vivo* animal models. These studies indicate that ketoconazole or erythromycin co-administration enhances fexofenadine gastrointestinal absorption. *In vivo* animal studies also suggest that in addition to increasing absorption, ketoconazole decreases fexofenadine hydrochloride gastrointestinal secretion, while erythromycin may also decrease biliary excretion.

Drug Interactions with Antacids

Administration of 120 mg of fexofenadine hydrochloride (2 x 60 mg capsule) within 15 minutes of an aluminum and magnesium containing antacid (Maalox[®]) decreased fexofenadine AUC by 41% and C_{max} by 43%. ALLEGRA should not be taken closely in time with aluminum and magnesium containing antacids.

Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility

The carcinogenic potential and reproductive toxicity of fexofenadine hydrochloride were assessed using teratogenic studies with adequate fexofenadine hydrochloride exposure (based on plasma area-under-the-concentration vs. time [AUC] values). No evidence of carcinogenicity was observed in an 18-month study in mice and in a 24-month study in rats at oral doses up to 150 mg/kg of terfenadine (which led to fexofenadine exposures that were respectively approximately 3 and 5 times the exposure from the maximum recommended daily oral dose of fexofenadine hydrochloride in adults and children).

In vitro (Bacterial Reverse Mutation, CHO/HGPRT Forward Mutation, and Rat Lymphocyte Chromosomal Aberration assays) and *in vivo* (Mouse Bone Marrow Micronucleus assay) tests, fexofenadine hydrochloride revealed no evidence of mutagenicity.

In rat fertility studies, dose-related reductions in implants and increases in postimplantation losses were observed at an oral dose of 150 mg/kg of terfenadine (which led to fexofenadine hydrochloride exposures that were approximately 3 times the exposure of the maximum recommended daily oral dose of fexofenadine hydrochloride in adults).

Pregnancy

Teratogenic Effects: Category C. There was no evidence of teratogenicity in rats or rabbits at oral doses of terfenadine up to 300 mg/kg (which led to fexofenadine exposures that were approximately 4 and 31 times, respectively, the exposure from the maximum recommended daily oral dose of fexofenadine in adults). There are no adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant women. Fexofenadine should be used during pregnancy only if the potential benefit justifies the potential risk to the fetus.

Nonteratogenic Effects. Dose-related decreases in pup weight gain and survival were observed in rats exposed to an oral dose of 150 mg/kg of terfenadine (approximately 3 times the maximum recommended daily oral dose of fexofenadine hydrochloride in adults based on comparison of fexofenadine hydrochloride AUCs).

Nursing Mothers

There are no adequate and well-controlled studies in women during lactation. Because many drugs are excreted in human milk, caution should be exercised when fexofenadine hydrochloride is administered to a nursing woman.

Pediatric Use

The recommended dose in patients 6 to 11 years of age is based on cross-study comparison of the pharmacokinetics of ALLEGRA in adults and pediatric patients and on the safety profile of fexofenadine hydrochloride in both adult and pediatric patients at doses equal to or higher than the recommended doses.

The safety of ALLEGRA tablets at a dose of 30 mg twice daily has been demonstrated in 438 pediatric patients 6 to 11 years of age in two placebo-controlled 2-week seasonal allergic rhinitis trials. The safety of ALLEGRA for the treatment of chronic idiopathic urticaria in patients 6 to 11 years of age is based on cross-study comparison of the pharmacokinetics of ALLEGRA in adult and pediatric patients and on the safety profile of fexofenadine in both adult and pediatric patients at doses equal to or higher than the recommended dose.

The effectiveness of ALLEGRA for the treatment of seasonal allergic rhinitis in patients 6 to 11 years of age was demonstrated in one trial (n=411) in which ALLEGRA tablets 30 mg twice daily significantly reduced total symptom scores compared to placebo, along with extrapolation of demonstrated efficacy in patients ages 12 years and older, and the pharmacokinetic comparisons in adults and children. The effectiveness of ALLEGRA for the treatment of chronic idiopathic urticaria in patients 6 to 11 years of age is based on an extrapolation of the demonstrated efficacy of ALLEGRA in adults with this condition and the likelihood that the disease course, pathophysiology and the drug's effect are substantially similar in children to that of adult patients. The safety and effectiveness of ALLEGRA in pediatric patients under 6 years of age have not been established.

Geriatric Use

Clinical studies of ALLEGRA tablets and capsules did not include sufficient numbers of subjects aged 65 years and over to determine whether this population responds differently from younger patients. Other reported clinical experience has not identified differences in responses between the geriatric and younger patients. This drug is known to be substantially excreted by the kidney, and the risk of toxic reactions to this drug may be greater in patients with impaired renal function. Because elderly patients are more likely to have decreased renal function, care should be taken in dose selection, and may be useful to monitor renal function. (See CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY).

ADVERSE REACTIONS

Seasonal Allergic Rhinitis

Adults. In placebo-controlled seasonal allergic rhinitis clinical trials in patients 12 years of age and older, which included 2461 patients receiving fexofenadine hydrochloride capsules at doses of 20 mg to 240 mg twice daily, adverse events were similar in fexofenadine hydrochloride and placebo-treated patients. All

adverse events that were reported by greater than 1% of patients who received the recommended daily dose of fexofenadine hydrochloride (60 mg capsules twice daily), and that were more common with fexofenadine hydrochloride than placebo, are listed in Table 1.

In a placebo-controlled clinical study in the United States, which included 570 patients aged 12 years and older receiving fexofenadine hydrochloride tablets at doses of 120 or 180 mg once daily, adverse events were similar in fexofenadine hydrochloride and placebo-treated patients. Table 1 also lists adverse experiences that were reported by greater than 2% of patients treated with fexofenadine hydrochloride tablets at doses of 180 mg once daily and that were more common with fexofenadine hydrochloride than placebo. The incidence of adverse events, including drowsiness, was not dose-related and was similar across subgroups defined by age, gender, and race.

Table 1
Adverse experiences in patients ages 12 years and older reported in placebo-controlled seasonal allergic rhinitis clinical trials in the United States

Adverse experience	Twice daily dosing with fexofenadine capsules at rates of greater than 1%	
	Fexofenadine 60 mg Twice Daily (n=679)	Placebo Twice Daily (n=671)
Viral Infection (cold, flu)	2.5%	1.5%
Nausea	1.6%	1.5%
Dysmenorrhea	1.5%	0.3%
Drowsiness	1.3%	0.9%
Dyspepsia	1.3%	0.6%
Fatigue	1.3%	0.9%

Table 2
Adverse experiences in patients ages 12 years and older reported in placebo-controlled seasonal allergic rhinitis clinical trials in the United States

Adverse experience	Once daily dosing with fexofenadine hydrochloride tablets at rates of greater than 2%	
	Fexofenadine 180 mg once daily (n=283)	Placebo (n=293)
Headache	10.6%	7.5%
Upper Respiratory Tract Infection	3.2%	3.1%
Back Pain	2.8%	1.4%

The frequency and magnitude of laboratory abnormalities were similar in fexofenadine hydrochloride and placebo-treated patients.

Pediatric. Table 2 lists adverse experiences in patients aged 6 to 11 years of age which were reported by greater than 2% of patients treated with fexofenadine hydrochloride tablets at a dose of 30 mg twice daily in placebo-controlled seasonal allergic rhinitis studies in the United States and Canada that were more common with fexofenadine hydrochloride than placebo.

Table 2
Adverse experiences reported in placebo-controlled seasonal allergic rhinitis studies in pediatric patients ages 6 to 11 in the United States and Canada at rates of greater than 2%

Adverse experience	Twice daily dosing with fexofenadine capsules at rates of greater than 1%	
	Fexofenadine 30 mg twice daily (n=209)	Placebo (n=229)
Headache	7.2%	6.6%
Accidental Injury	2.9%	1.3%
Coughing	3.8%	1.3%
Fever	2.4%	0.9%
Pain	2.4%	0.4%
Otitis Media	2.4%	0.0%
Upper Respiratory Tract Infection	4.3%	1.7%

Chronic Idiopathic Urticaria

Adverse events reported by patients 12 years of age and older in placebo-controlled chronic idiopathic urticaria studies were similar to those reported in placebo-controlled seasonal allergic rhinitis studies. In placebo-controlled chronic idiopathic urticaria clinical trials, which included 726 patients 12 years of age and older receiving fexofenadine hydrochloride tablets at doses of 20 to 240 mg twice daily, adverse events were similar in fexofenadine hydrochloride and placebo-treated patients. Table 3 lists adverse experiences in patients aged 12 years and older which were reported by greater than 2% of patients treated with fexofenadine hydrochloride 60 mg tablets twice daily in controlled clinical studies in the United States and Canada and that were more common with fexofenadine hydrochloride than placebo. The safety of fexofenadine hydrochloride in the treatment of chronic idiopathic urticaria in pediatric patients 6 to 11 years of age is based on the safety profile of fexofenadine hydrochloride in adults and adolescent patients at doses equal to or higher than the recommended dose (see Pediatric Use).

Table 3
Adverse experiences reported in patients 12 years and older in placebo-controlled chronic idiopathic urticaria studies in the United States and Canada at rates of greater than 2%

Adverse experience	Twice daily dosing with fexofenadine capsules at rates of greater than 1%	
	Fexofenadine 60 mg twice daily (n=186)	Placebo (n=178)
Back Pain	2.2%	1.1%
Sinusitis	2.2%	1.1%
Dizziness	2.2%	0.6%
Drowsiness	2.2%	0.0%

Events that have been reported during controlled clinical trials involving seasonal allergic rhinitis and chronic idiopathic urticaria patients with incidences less than 1% and similar to placebo and have been rarely reported during postmarketing surveillance include: insomnia, nervousness, and sleep disorders or parosmia. In rare cases, rash, urticaria, pruritus and hypersensitivity reactions with manifestations such as angioedema, chest tightness, dyspnea, flushing and systemic anaphylaxis have been reported.

OVERDOSAGE

Reports of fexofenadine hydrochloride overdose have been infrequent and contain limited information. However, dizziness, drowsiness, and dry mouth have been reported. Single doses of fexofenadine hydrochloride up to 800 mg (six normal volunteers at this dose level), and doses up to 690 mg twice daily for 1 month (three normal volunteers at this dose level) or 240 mg once daily for 1 year (234 normal volunteers at this dose level) were administered without the development of clinically significant adverse events as compared to placebo.

In the event of overdose, consider standard measures to remove any unabsorbed drug. Symptomatic and supportive treatment is recommended.

Hemodialysis did not effectively remove fexofenadine hydrochloride from blood (1.7% removed) following terfenadine administration.

No deaths occurred at oral doses of fexofenadine hydrochloride up to 5000 mg/kg in mice (110 times the maximum recommended daily oral dose in adults and 200 times the maximum recommended daily oral dose in children based on mg/m²) and up to 5000 mg/kg in rats (230 times the maximum recommended daily oral dose in adults and 400 times the maximum recommended daily oral dose in children based on mg/m²). Additionally, no clinical signs of toxicity or gross pathological findings were observed. In dogs, no evidence of toxicity was observed at oral doses up to 2000 mg/kg (300 times the maximum recommended daily oral dose in adults and 530 times the maximum recommended daily oral dose in children based on mg/m²).

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Top RB Units

1. COLORADO

Junior Chris Brown was the Buffaloes' leading rusher in 2001 with 946 yards and 16 touchdowns. In the regular-season finale, Brown tore through Nebraska's defense for 198 yards and a school-record six touchdowns, and followed that up with a 182-yard, three-TD outburst in the Big 12 Championship Game win against Texas. Junior Bobby Purify, the Buffs' second-leading rusher with 916 yards, five touchdowns and a 5.8-yard average, topped the 100-yard mark three times last year, including a 191-yard effort against Colorado State. Marcus Houston was the first player in school history to rush for 100 or more yards in his first two games as a true freshman before hip and groin injuries set in. If Houston is close to 100 percent, he will be special.



Chris Brown



Bobby Purify

2. VIRGINIA TECH

Kevin Jones was Virginia Tech's leading rusher in 2001 as a true freshman with 957 yards, 5.5 per carry and five touchdowns, despite not moving into the starting lineup until late season. In his three starts, he ran for 155 yards against Temple, 181 against Virginia and 160 against Miami. Senior Lee Suggs, the Hokies' career leader in rushing touchdowns, injured a knee in the first game (Connecticut) of 2001 after rushing for 99 yards on 12 carries (8.2 per carry) and two touchdowns, and missed the rest of the season. In 2000, Suggs led the Big East in rushing and led the nation in scoring. He carried the ball 222 times and did not fumble once.



Lee Suggs

3. NEBRASKA

Senior Dahrran Diedrick returns at I-back for the Cornhuskers after pacing the Big 12 in rushing in 2001 with 1,299 yards. He averaged 5.6 per carry and scored 15 touchdowns. Senior Thunder Collins averaged 6.9 yards per carry last fall, running for 647 yards and five scores, and gives Nebraska enviable depth at I-back. Third- and fourth-string I-backs DeAntae Grixby and Robin Miller also return as juniors, with highly rated freshman David Horne of Omaha coming in this fall.



Dahrran Diedrick

4. ALABAMA

Senior Ahmaad Galloway has been Alabama's leading rusher for the last two seasons. Last fall he ran for 881 yards and six touchdowns, averaging 5.1 per carry. Junior Santonio Beard added 633 yards at a whopping 8.2-yards a pop. Speedster Ray Hudson managed to squeeze out 37 carries with a 5.5-yard average as a freshman last year. Redshirt freshman Marquez Dupree, the son of former Oklahoma star Marcus Dupree, and Texas Tech transfer Shaud Williams add to the riches.

5. TEXAS

Cedric Benson led Texas in rushing last year with 1,053 yards and 12 touchdowns and was named Big 12 Offensive Freshman of the Year. Remember Earl Campbell and Ricky Williams? Benson is the only player in Longhorn history to rush for over 1,000 yards as a freshman. Junior Ivan Williams, the Horns' second-leading rusher with 519 yards, 5.1 per carry and five touchdowns, also returns.

6. UNLV

The Rebels boast the Mountain West Conference's top returning rusher in senior Joe Haro, who ran for 1,107 yards and 10 touchdowns last season. But Haro may have to share the honors in 2002 with Deon Burnett, who ran for 1,319 yards in two seasons at Washington State, including a school freshman-record 974 yards in 1999. Dominique Dorsey, the 2001 MWC Freshman of the Year, returns after averaging 6.6 yards with four touchdowns on 57 carries during his rookie season.

7. COLORADO STATE

Henri Childs is back at running back for Colorado State after leading the Rams last season with 841 yards, including 237 on 30 carries against BYU. Cecil Sapp led the Mountain West in rushing with 841 yards and 10 touchdowns and was first-team all-conference in 2000 before missing last season with a heel injury. Rahsaan Sanders, the Rams' second-leading rusher in 1999 and 2000, also returns to action after missing '01 with a severe hamstring pull.

8. WAKE FOREST

The Demon Deacons led the ACC in rushing last season with Tarence Williams doing most of the damage. Williams sped for 1,018 yards and 10 touchdowns last year despite missing one game with a sprained ankle. Fred Staton, the Deacons' second-leading rusher in 2001 with 583 yards and seven touchdowns, also returns to action.

9. MIDDLE TENNESSEE

Blue Raiders ball carrier Dwone Hicks enters his senior season as the reigning Sun Belt Conference Offensive Player of the Year. He led the league with 1,143 rushing yards, averaging six yards per attempt, and finished second nationally in scoring with 20 rushing touchdowns. Hicks' backup, Reshard Lee, averaged 7.3 yards per carry and accumulated 790 yards on the ground.

10. BOISE STATE

First-team All-WAC running back Brock Forsey ran for 1,207 yards and 13 touchdowns for Boise State last season. David Mikell added 568 yards and five TDs and averaged 28.4 yards on kickoff returns with another score. No. 3 rusher Donny Heck (123 yards) also returns.

Honorable Mention

Akron, Florida State, LSU and Michigan



Top WR/TE Units

1. MARSHALL

Marshall wide receiver Darius Watts was first-team All-Mid-American Conference and honorable mention All-America last year as a sophomore. He caught 91 balls for 1,417 yards and was second in the nation with 18 touchdown catches, fourth in receptions per game (7.6) and sixth in receiving yards per game (118.1). Josh Davis also was first-team All-MAC and his 79 catches were the most ever in NCAA history for a freshman. Deniero Marriott added 56 receptions, nine for scores. Counting the GMAC Bowl, Watts, Davis and Marriott each caught passes for over 1,000 yards. Georgia transfer Jason Rader will significantly upgrade the team's receiving capabilities at the tight end position. And they all will have Byron Leftwich throwing to them.

2. TEXAS

Texas' top 10 receivers all return from last year. Roy Williams was first-team All-Big 12 in 2001 after snagging 67 passes, seven for touchdowns, and he posted those numbers while playing all year with painful bone spurs in his left ankle. He underwent surgery in January and will be back at 100 percent after playing at about 75 percent last year. B.J. Johnson and Sloan Thomas combined for 70 catches and nine scoring grabs, and Bo Scaife is one of the top pass-catching tight ends in the country with 30 receptions for a 13-yard average in '01.

**Roy Williams**

3. ILLINOIS

All of the Illini wide receivers are back, including last year's top two pass catchers: Brandon Lloyd (60 catches, 1,006 yards, eight touchdowns) and 6'5", 220-pound Walter Young (44 catches, 17.8-yard average, six touchdowns). Lloyd is only the fourth receiver in Illinois history to post a 1,000-yard season. Young finished the season with three straight 100-yard games, including a 178-yard effort in the Sugar Bowl. Aaron Moorehead is also back after averaging 17 yards on 17 grabs, and so is Greg Lewis, who led the team in receiving two years ago with 40 catches, six for touchdowns.

**Brandon Lloyd**

4. OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma's Trent Smith was second-team All-Big 12 and led the nation's tight ends in receiving last year with a team-high 61 catches for a team-high six touchdowns. Also returning are seniors Antwone Savage and Curtis Fagan, who combined for 65 catches and six touchdown grabs, and Mark Clayton, who posted a school freshman-record 45 receptions last season.

5. FLORIDA STATE

Talman Gardner returns for the Seminoles after averaging 19.7 yards on 33 receptions with 11 scoring grabs last fall. Also back are the two projected 2001 wide receiver starters who missed the year with injuries: Anquan Boldin, who had 41 catches for 664 yards and six TDs in 2000, and Robert Morgan, who added 19 receptions that year. Sophomores Craphonso Thorpe (19.1-yard average on 15 catches) and P.K. Sam will also see significant action.

**Rick & Marilyn Haye****Josh Davis****Rick & Marilyn Haye****Deniero Marriott**

6. CLEMSON

The top four wide receivers — Derrick Hamilton, J.J. McKelvey, Roscoe Crosby and Airese Currie — return for Clemson after combining for 117 receptions for 1,693 yards and 11 touchdowns last fall. Four of coach Tommy Bowden's 2001 freshman receivers — Hamilton, Crosby, Currie and tight end Ben Hall — scored touchdowns in the Tigers' Humanitarian Bowl win over Louisiana Tech. Kevin Youngblood, who entered 2001 as the team's projected go-to receiver but missed the season with a broken leg, is back in the rotation.

7. OREGON

Oregon returns all of its top receivers from 2001 except tight end Justin Peele. George Wrihster will replace Peele this season after catching 12 balls in 2001. Keenan Howry is a first-team All-Pac-10 returnee as both a wide receiver and punt returner. Howry led the Ducks last fall with 49 receptions for 669 yards and eight touchdowns. Jason Willis finished second on the team with 37 catches, and Samie Parker averaged a team-high 18.3 yards on 32 grabs.

8. MIAMI

Andre Johnson, who caught 37 passes for an 18.4-yard average and 10 touchdowns, and was co-MVP of the Rose Bowl, is back at wide receiver for the Hurricanes. Ethenic Sands, the erstwhile quarterback, and junior Kevin Beard are reliable targets. Jason Geathers was a 1999 *Parade* All-American who, based on his spring performance, could have his breakout year in 2002. And Kellen Winslow II, a tight end with outstanding receiving skills, will take over for Jeremy Shockey.

9. CINCINNATI

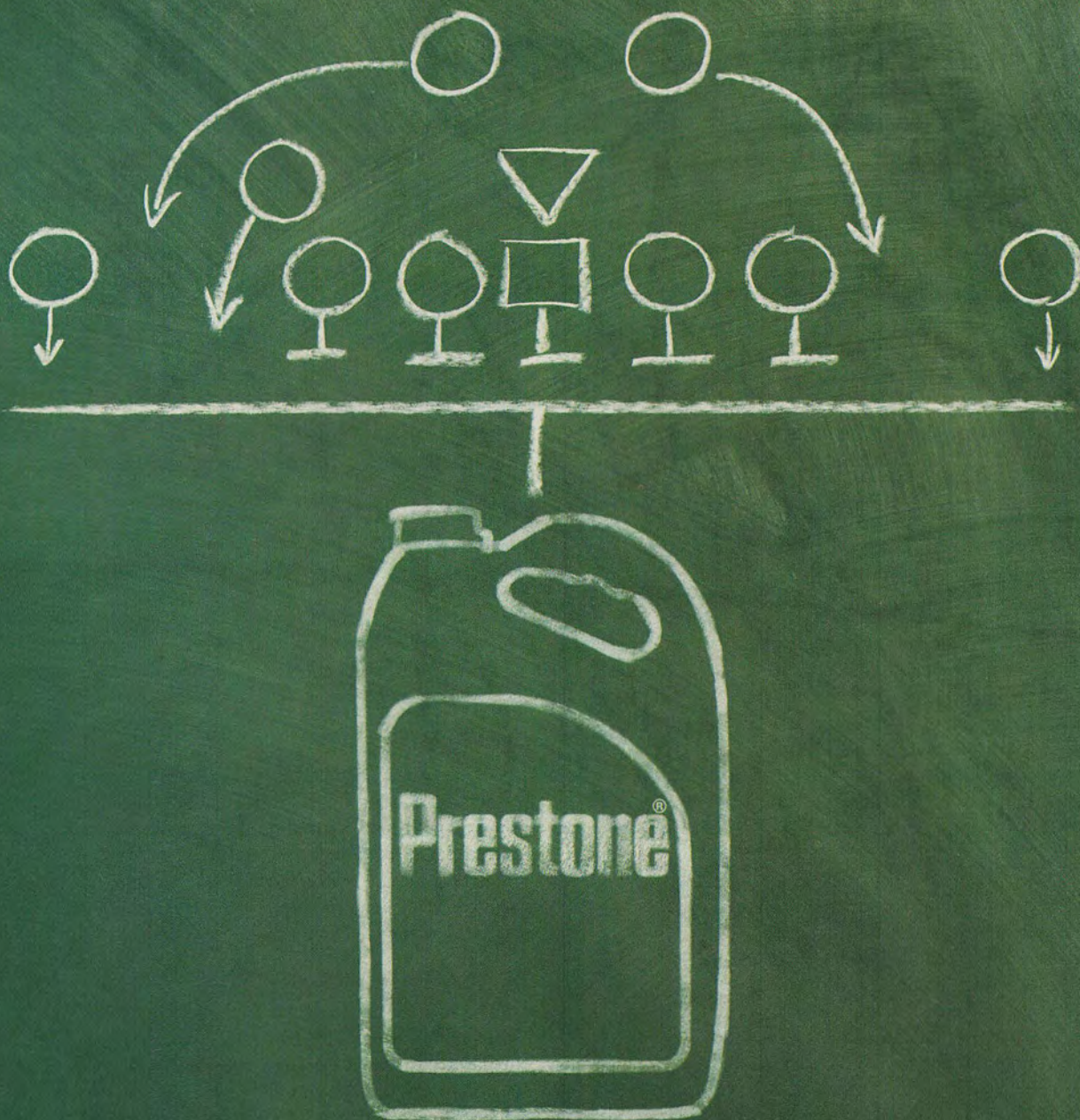
Cincinnati's three returning wide receivers — LaDaris Vann, Tye Keith and Jon Olinger — combined for 142 receptions for 1,949 yards and 14 touchdowns in 2001. Vann was first-team All-Conference USA after leading the league with 73 catches for 902 yards and is the school's career receptions leader with 133. Keith added 42 grabs last fall while Olinger posted a team-high 17.4-yard average on 27 catches.

10. WYOMING

Wyoming returns five wideouts — Ryan McGuffey, Malcolm Floyd, Brock Ralph, Scottie Vines and Leonard Jones — who accounted for 204 catches and 2,896 receiving yards in 2001. McGuffey came in eighth nationally with 7.2 receptions per game and was first-team All-Mountain West.

Honorable Mention

Georgia, Ohio State, Purdue, Stanford and Washington



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Top OL Units

1. FLORIDA STATE

All five of Florida State's offensive line starters return as seniors along with all five of their backups. Tackle Brett Williams is a 2002 *Athlon Sports* preseason All-American. Williams led his Seminole linemates last fall in three major categories with a 91-percent season blocking grade, 48 pancakes and 30 key blocks. He was the recipient of the Jacobs Blocking Trophy as the ACC's top offensive lineman. Tackle Todd Williams, guards Milford Brown and Montrae Holland and center Antoine Mirambeau also return to their starting duties. Brown finished second on the team in pancake blocks with 45. Holland is a second-team All-ACC returnee.



Allen Kuo

Florida State welcomes back its entire offensive line.

2. WISCONSIN

The offensive line two-deep returns en masse for Wisconsin, led by All-America candidates and cousins Al and Ben Johnson at center and tackle, respectively. Al is the Badgers' most experienced lineman with 23 career starts and is a two-time Honorable Mention All-Big Ten choice. Ben, at 6'7", 321, enters 2002 with 21 career starts. Sophomore Dan Buenning started all 12 games as a 2001 freshman. Tackle Jason Jowers missed just nine snaps all last season. Jonathan Clinkscale and Calvin Barrett started six games apiece at left guard last year as redshirt freshmen.



Brian Ebner

Al Johnson

3. GEORGIA

Four starters return to a Georgia offensive line that surrendered just 15 sacks last season. The leader is All-SEC and *Athlon Sports* preseason All-American Jon Stinchcomb. Stinchcomb and guard Kevin Breedlove each have started 33 games over their careers, more than any other current Bulldog player. Gargantuan George Foster (6'6", 322) at tackle and Alex Jackson (6'4", 345) at guard also return to their posts as seniors. Another senior, Kareem Marshall, started five games at tackle last season.



Tim Clark/Athlon Sports

Jon Stinchcomb

4. IOWA

Four starters are back along the Iowa offensive line, led by a pair of All-Big Ten performers in guard Eric Steinbach and tackle David Porter. Robert Gallery returns at the other tackle, and Bruce Nelson has started 35 straight games at center. Ben Sobieski, one of the Hawkeyes' most talented players, could figure at tackle if he can shake the injury bug.

5. COLORADO

Guard Andre Gurode and tackle Victor Rogers, the marquee names on Colorado's offensive line last season, will be playing on Sundays from now on. The returning starters are tackle Justin Bates, who graded out highest of all last year's starters; guard Marwan Hage, who finished second to Gurode with 94 "domination" blocks; and second-team All-Big 12 center Wayne Lucier. Karl Allis, a six-game starter as a redshirt freshman in 2000, steps back into the lineup at guard.

6. BOSTON COLLEGE

Boston College led the Big East in rushing in 2001 and finished behind only Miami in fewest sacks allowed, and has lost just one offensive line starter — All-Big East tackle Marc Colombo — to graduation. Center Dan Koppen and guard Mark Parenteau both made second-team All-Big East, and guard Chris Snee earned Freshman All-America mention. Tackles Leo Bell and Augie Hoffman started 13 games between them last year.

7. MIAMI

Reports of a Miami offensive line demise would be premature. Center Brett Romberg is a first-team All-Big East returnee. Guard Sherko Haji-Rasouli landed on the all-conference second-team. Also back is guard Ed Wilkins, who started the second half of last season while Haji-Rasouli was on the shelf with an injury. Any Miami opponent who thinks tackles Vernon Carey and Carlos Joseph were second rate because they were second string will find out differently this year.

8. WASHINGTON STATE

The offensive line that led the Cougars to a second-place Pac-10 finish in total offense in 2001 returns all but one player from the two-deep for 2002. First-team all-conference performer Derrick Roche is at right guard. Tackles Josh Parrish and Calvin Armstrong and center Tyler Hunt also return to their starting assignments. Cougar coaches are trying to find a more active role for 6'9", 300-pound Sam Lightbody.

9. MARYLAND

Maryland's Todd Wike, a first-team All-ACC returnee who has played guard, center and tight end during his first three years in College Park, spearheads the unit at left guard. C.J. Brooks was a Freshman All-American last fall and returns at left tackle with Matt Crawford back at right tackle. Junior Lamar Bryant is a two-year starter at right guard.

10. ALABAMA

Three of Alabama's starting offensive linemen last season — tackles Wesley Britt and Evan Mathis and guard Justin Smiley — were redshirt freshmen. Britt and Smiley were Freshman All-Americans. Marico Portis is back at guard after grading 100 percent in six games last season. First-team All-SEC center Alonzo Ephraim is the group's leader. Dante Ellington, a starter in 1999 and 2000, is also available at tackle.

Honorable Mention

East Carolina, Fresno State, Michigan State, North Texas, Notre Dame and Stanford



Top DL Units

1. MIAMI

Miami's 2002 defensive line looks scary, with the top 10 performers from last year's front four all returning. End Jerome McDougle logged 15 tackles for a loss, six sacks, 48 hurries and an interception, and was first-team All-Big East and third-team All-America. Tackle William Joseph posted 19 tackles for a loss, 10 sacks and an interception, and was second-team All-Big East and third-team All-America. Tackle Matt Walters led the Hurricane linemen last year with 66 total tackles and also picked off a pass. End Cornelius Green was Miami's Defensive Rookie of the Year in 2000 but missed most of last year with an injury. End Jamaal Green notched six sacks and 22 hurries, and sophomore tackle Vince Wilfork contributed 11 tackles for a loss and two fumble recoveries in a backup role.



Jamaal Green and Matt Walters

2. OKLAHOMA

Tommie Harris made a huge splash for the Sooners last year as a true freshman, racking up 17 tackles for a loss on his way to Big 12 Defensive Freshman of the Year, first-team all-conference and Freshman All-America honors. End Jimmy Wilkerson joined Harris on the All-Big 12 first team, and he's back after posting a team-high 18 tackles for a loss, five sacks and 10 pass breakups. Tackle Kory Klein teamed with Harris on a ferocious inside pass rush as the two tied for the team lead with 14 quarterback hurries apiece. Klein also intercepted a pass. Sophomore Dan Cody provides excellent pass-rush speed at right end.



Tommie Harris

3. MICHIGAN

Michigan has all four defensive line starters back after leading the Big Ten in rushing defense, total defense and scoring defense last season. Ends Dan Rumishek and Shantee Orr were first- and second-team All-Big Ten respectively. Shawn Lazarus, a two-year starter, and Norman Heuer return at the tackles. Grant Bowman and Larry Stevens, who started nine games between them two years ago as freshmen, and former Freshman All-American Alain Kashama will keep the starters fresh.



Dan Rumishek

4. ALABAMA

Three starters return to the Alabama defensive line for 2002. One of them — tackle Jarret Johnson — was first-team All-SEC. The other two — ends Kenny King and Kindal Moorehead — were second-team All-SEC. The threesome combined for 142 tackles, 11 tackles for a loss, 16 sacks and two interceptions. Backup ends Antwan Odom and Nautyn McKay-Loescher and tackle Anthony Bryant would have been starters just about anywhere else.

5. WASHINGTON STATE

Seven of the eight players on last year's Washington State defensive line two-deep return, including the regular three-man tackle rotation of Rien Long, Tai Tupai and Jeremy Williams. Long was an all-conference performer in '01. End D.D. Acholonu recorded 9.5 sacks despite sharing the position with Isaac Brown, who finished with 8.5 sacks, and both return in '02. At the other end, senior Fred Shavies is back for his third year as a starter.

6. FLORIDA STATE

Seminole tackle Darnell Dockett racked up 22 tackles for a loss last season and was first-team All-ACC. Dockett and nose tackle Jeff Womble both have been starters for two years. Sophomore Travis Johnson joins Dockett and Womble in a dominating three-man tackle rotation. Ends Alonzo Jackson and Kevin Emanuel return, and the move of sophomore Eric Moore and redshirt freshman Willie Jones from linebacker will inject pass-rushing speed into the end positions.

7. TEXAS

Texas led the nation in total defense and the Big 12 in rushing defense last season, and three starters return to the Longhorns' front four in 2002, including All-America end Cory Redding. Redding registered 14 tackles for a loss and five sacks in '01, and returned an interception for a touchdown. Redding and Kalen Thornton at the other end are entering their third year as starters. Tackle Marcus Tubbs was second-team All-Big 12 as a sophomore.

8. BOSTON COLLEGE

Antonio Garay returns at end for Boston College after registering five sacks and nine tackles for a loss last fall. Garay was second-team All-Big East despite missing four games with an injury. Doug Goodwin is a two-year starter at tackle, where juniors Tom Martin and Keith Leavitt have started 27 games between them since they were freshmen two years ago.

9. UTAH

Two of Utah's returning defensive line starters were first-team all-conference performers in 2001 — rush end Jason Kaufusi and tackle Garrett Smith. Noseguard Lauvale Sape ended up on the All-MWC second team, and he did all his damage coming off the bench. The left end is returning starter Josh Savage.

10. LOUISVILLE

Louisville's defensive line returns intact from a year ago, led by All-American Dewayne White at end. White finished second in the nation and set a Conference USA single-season record with 15 sacks. Devon Thomas, who broke into the starting lineup ahead of All-C-USA performer Michael Josiah early last season, returns at the other end. Bobby Leffew, a 2001 Freshman All-American, and Scott Lopez are stationed at the tackles.

Honorable Mention

Ohio State, Oregon, Oregon State, Penn State and Western Michigan



Top LB Units

1. MIAMI

Miami's middle linebacker is Jonathan Vilma, the team's leading tackler and a first-team All-Big East performer. Vilma made a name for himself in the Rose Bowl win over Nebraska, with eight tackles including three for a loss and two memorable de-cleaters. D.J. Williams played fullback as a freshman two years ago after a National High School Defensive Player of the Year senior season. He made the transition to defense last year and is back on the strong side. Redshirt freshmen Leon Williams and Roger McIntosh are athletic specimens who will move into the playing group in 2002.



Jonathan Vilma

2. GEORGIA TECH

The Yellow Jackets return all three starting linebackers from 2001 plus another from 2000. Ricardo Wimbush is a three-year starter who paced the team last season with 96 stops, including nine for a loss. Keyaron Fox wasn't far behind with 95 tackles, eight behind the line. Daryl Smith led the Yellow Jackets in tackles two years ago as a true freshman, when he also intercepted two passes. Ather Brown, who started every game in 2000, also returns after missing most of last year with a broken foot.



Ricardo Wimbush

3. COLORADO STATE

Colorado State coach Sonny Lubick has a problem: four returning starters at three linebacker positions. Two of them, Eric Pauly and Drew Wood, were second-team All-Mountain West last season. Pauly led the conference with 115 tackles. Wood finished second on the team with 96 stops and intercepted three passes. Adam Wade tied for the team lead with six tackles for a loss. David Vickers is a former starter who missed much of last season with an injury after racking up 91 tackles, including 10 for a loss, in 2000.



Eric Pauly

4. AUBURN

Auburn is blessed with a glut of linebacker talent. Dontarrious Thomas returns after posting 122 tackles and nine for a loss, both team highs, and a game-saving interception against Louisiana Tech in 2001. Thomas is on the weak side with Karlos Dansby, who led the team last season with five interceptions, and redshirt freshman Lemarcus Rowell, one of the nation's hottest linebacker recruits last year, on the strong side. Mayo Sowell, a 2001 Freshman All-American, will back up Mark Brown in the middle.

5. COLORADO

All three starting linebackers return for the Buffaloes this year, led by Sean Tufts at one of the inside spots. Tufts recorded 57 tackles last season, including 11 each against Nebraska and Missouri, while starting every game as a sophomore. At the other inside position is Drew Wahlroos, another 13-game starter last year. On the outside is Joey Johnson, who stopped a Texas drive with an interception in the league championship game and returned a fumble 52 yards for a touchdown to seal a 31-21 win against Texas A&M.

6. TEXAS A&M

Jarrod Penright is a first-team All-Big 12 returnee at OLB who led the Aggies last fall in tackles for a loss with 19 and sacks with 10.5. He also scored a touchdown on a 17-yard fumble return against Kansas State. Brian Gamble has started the last 33 straight games and notched six or more tackles in eight of last season's contests. Gamble is back at one inside spot along with Jared Morris, who started all but two regular-season games as a sophomore, at the other.

7. ARIZONA

Inside linebacker Lance Briggs is a two-time first-team All-Pac-10 returnee for Arizona. Rejoining Briggs on the inside is senior Ray Wells, who played half of last season at "whip" linebacker in place of the injured Joe Siofele. Briggs, Wells and Siofele all return to their regular positions to open the 2002 campaign, along with Kirk Johnson, who rang up 33 tackles in five starts last fall as a true freshman.

8. ILLINOIS

Illinois' linebacker corps returns intact from last season, with Jerry Schumacher starting for his third year in the middle. Schumacher registered team highs last fall with 115 tackles, 16 tackles for a loss and six sacks. Flanking Schumacher are returning starters Ty Myers and Joe Bevis.

9. FLORIDA STATE

Florida State's outside linebackers are juniors Kendyll Pope and Michael Boulware. Pope finished second on the club in tackles with 113, Boulware fourth with 81, and they combined for five interceptions. Also back is middle linebacker Jerel Hudson, who started the last two games, including the Gator Bowl. And two of the most coveted linebacker recruits in the country — Buster Davis and A.J. Nicholson — are headed for Tallahassee.

10. WASHINGTON

Opportunistic senior Ben Mahdavi led the Huskies with 85 tackles and tied a school record with four fumble recoveries last season. Senior Jafar Williams, a starter in 1999 and 2000, is back at one outside linebacker spot after missing all last year with an injury. Senior Kai Ellis, a.k.a. The Creature, fought through injuries after opening the season with a 13-tackle performance against Michigan.

Honorable Mention

Arkansas, Hawaii, Maryland and Ole Miss



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Top DB Units

1. LOUISVILLE

Seven of the eight players on Louisville's defensive back two-deep return from last year, including all four starters. Free safety Anthony Floyd owns the school and Conference USA record for career interceptions with 17. He picked off 10 passes in 2000 alone. Last year, Floyd totaled 97 tackles, including four for a loss, and four INTs. Strong safety Curry Burns was second-team All-C-USA last fall after leading the Cardinals in tackles with 107 and equaling Floyd's interception total with four. Ronnie Gallishaw and Josh Minkins return at the corners. Gallishaw led the 2001 Cardinals with five picks, and Minkins added another. Also returning is cornerback Chris Johnson, who started the Liberty Bowl ahead of Minkins and responded with an interception and a pass breakup.



Tim Porco

Anthony Floyd



Dani Lauren

Curry Burns

2. ILLINOIS

The Fighting Illini will field the best pair of cornerbacks anywhere in America. Eugene Wilson and Christian Morton finished with the two highest pass breakup totals in the nation at 29 and 26 respectively. Wilson intercepted six passes. Morton swiped four with 104 return yards and brought back two for touchdowns. Wilson was first-team All-Big 10; Morton second-team. Michael Hall logged 16 tackles, intercepted a pass and broke up 11 others as the Illini nickel back. Jamaal Clark, who returned a blocked punt for a touchdown against Ohio State, and Marc Jackson will move into the safety spots.



Ross Dettman

Eugene Wilson

3. OKLAHOMA

The Sooners' secondary is easily one of the nation's best, with three lock-down cornerbacks in senior Andre Woolfolk, junior Derrick Strait and sophomore Antonio Perkins. Strait has been all-conference for two years. He and Perkins each had three interceptions in 2001; Strait returned one for a touchdown. Woolfolk, who has seen extensive action on both sides of the ball the last two years, picked off one pass in '01 and ran it back 39 yards. Brandon Everage returns at free safety with three career picks.



Tim Umphrey

Derrick Strait

4. ARKANSAS

Three 2001 starters return in the Arkansas secondary, led by first-team All-SEC free safety Ken Hamlin, who logged 118 tackles and recovered three fumbles. Hamlin and cornerback Lawrence Richardson picked off three passes apiece. Eddie Jackson, a two-year starter at the other corner, will battle Ahmad Carroll, a Freshman All-SEC pick last year, for a starting assignment. Whoever loses that battle will be one of the top nickel backs in the nation.

5. TEXAS A&M

Aggie cornerback Sammy Davis landed on the All-Big 12 first team after intercepting five passes and breaking up 10. A&M's leading tackler was returning strong safety Terrence Kiel with 92 total stops. On the corner opposite Davis is Byron Jones, who earned game MVP honors after a three-interception performance in the Aggies' 28-9 win over TCU in the Galleryfurniture.com Bowl, his first start as a freshman. Regular-season starter Sean Weston is also back.

6. UCLA

Two All-America candidates roam the UCLA secondary. Senior cornerback Ricky Manning is a two-time first-team All-Pac-10 selection who has been a starter since the third game of his freshman year. Free safety Matt Ware is the reigning Pac-10 Freshman of the Year. He totaled five interceptions and 32 tackles. Ben Emanuel started eight games as a redshirt freshman and picked off two passes, returning one for a touchdown against Washington State in his first career start.

7. OREGON STATE

Dennis Weathersby has been a fixture in the Oregon State secondary for the last three years. A former Freshman All-American, Weathersby added 14 pass breakups to his career numbers in 2001 while also intercepting two passes with 76 yards in returns. Senior cornerback Terrell Roberts and sophomore safety Mitch Meeuwse notched three interceptions apiece.

8. NORTH TEXAS

All four starters return to the secondary for the Mean Green. Don McGee is a three-year starter at cornerback who led the Big West in interceptions two years ago as a sophomore. Jonas Buckles at free safety led the Sun Belt in interceptions with five last year as a freshman. Strong safety Craig Jones registered 10 or more tackles in four games last season and added two interceptions.

9. NORTHERN ILLINOIS

Northern Illinois' "Mad Dawgs" secondary returns intact and in depth for 2002. First-team All-MAC cornerback Vince Thompson led the conference with five interceptions last year, and free safety Lionel "Boogie" Hickenbottom picked off four and contributed 90 tackles. Strong safety Akil Grant paced the unit with 114 total stops.

10. GEORGIA TECH

Jeremy Muires is a two-time All-ACC performer who leads the Georgia Tech secondary from his free safety spot. Muires and cornerback Marvious Hester seemingly have been around forever and tied for the team lead with three picks each in 2001. Cory Collins has started the last 19 games at strong safety, while cornerbacks Albert Poree and Jonathan Cox are also proven in game action.

Honorable Mention

Boise State, Ohio State, South Carolina and Virginia

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Junior • Oregon 5'10" 195



WIDE RECEIVER • CHARLES ROGERS
Junior • Michigan State 6'4" 200



WIDE RECEIVER • ROY WILLIAMS
Junior • Texas 6'4" 210



TIGHT END • TRENT SMITH
Senior • Oklahoma 6'5" 230



OFF. LINEMAN • JON STINCHCOMB
Senior • Georgia 6'6" 278



OFF. LINEMAN • KWAME HARRIS
Junior • Stanford 6'7" 308



OFF. LINEMAN • BRETT ROMBERG
Senior • Miami 6'3" 290



OFF. LINEMAN • TONY PASHOS
Senior • Illinois 6'6" 320



OFF. LINEMAN • BRETT WILLIAMS
Senior • Florida State 6'6" 317



KICKER • SETH MARLER
Senior • Tulane 6'0" 195



KICK RETURNER • CHAD OWENS
Sophomore • Hawaii 5'8" 175

DEFENSE



DEF. LINEMAN • TERRELL SUGGS
Junior • Arizona State 6'3" 242



DEF. LINEMAN • CORY REDDING
Senior • Texas 6'5" 270



DEF. LINEMAN • WILLIAM JOSEPH
Senior • Miami 6'5" 282



DEF. LINEMAN • JEROME MCDOUGLE
Senior • Miami 6'4" 260



LINEBACKER • LAWRENCE FLUGENCE
Senior • Texas Tech 6'2" 244



LINEBACKER • E.J. HENDERSON
Senior • Maryland 6'2" 250



LINEBACKER • JONATHAN VILMA
Junior • Miami 6'2" 220



DEF. BACK • RONYELL WHITAKER
Senior • Virginia Tech 5'9" 197



DEF. BACK • TROY POLAMALU
Senior • USC 5'10" 215



DEFENSIVE BACK • MIKE DOSS
Senior • Ohio State 5'11" 204



DEFENSIVE BACK • NATHAN VASHER
Junior • Texas 5'11" 180



PUNTER • BROOKS BARNARD
Senior • Maryland 6'2" 188



PUNT RETURNER • KEENAN HOWRY
Senior • Oregon 5'10" 170

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FIRST TEAM

OFFENSE

WR	Charles Rogers	6'4"	200	Jr.	Michigan State
WR	Roy Williams	6'4"	210	Jr.	Texas
TE	Trent Smith	6'5"	230	Sr.	Oklahoma
OL	Jon Stinchcomb	6'6"	278	Sr.	Georgia
OL	Kwame Harris	6'7"	308	Jr.	Stanford
OL	Brett Romberg	6'3"	290	Sr.	Miami
OL	Tony Pashos	6'6"	320	Sr.	Illinois
OL	Brett Williams	6'6"	317	Sr.	Florida State
QB	Rex Grossman	6'1"	220	Jr.	Florida
RB	Anthony Davis	5'8"	183	So.	Wisconsin
RB	Onterio Smith	5'10"	195	Jr.	Oregon

SPECIALISTS

K	Seth Marler	6'0"	195	Sr.	Tulane
KR	Chad Owens	5'8"	175	So.	Hawaii

DEFENSE

DL	Terrell Suggs	6'3"	242	Jr.	Arizona State
DL	Cory Redding	6'5"	270	Sr.	Texas
DL	William Joseph	6'5"	282	Sr.	Miami
DL	Jerome McDougle	6'4"	260	Sr.	Miami
LB	Lawrence Flugence	6'2"	244	Sr.	Texas Tech
LB	E.J. Henderson	6'2"	250	Sr.	Maryland
LB	Jonathan Vilma	6'2"	220	Jr.	Miami
DB	Ronyell Whitaker	5'9"	197	Sr.	Virginia Tech
DB	Troy Polamalu	5'10"	215	Sr.	USC
DB	Mike Doss	5'11"	204	Sr.	Ohio State
DB	Nathan Vasher	5'11"	180	Jr.	Texas

P	Brooks Barnard	6'2"	188	Sr.	Maryland
PR	Keenan Howry	5'10"	170	Sr.	Oregon

SECOND TEAM

OFFENSE

WR	Shaun McDonald	5'9"	172	Jr.	Arizona State
WR	Kelley Washington	6'4"	225	So.	Tennessee
TE	Ronnie Ghent	6'3"	237	Sr.	Louisville
OL	Nat Dorsey	6'6"	315	So.	Georgia Tech
OL	Derrick Roche	6'5"	295	Sr.	Wash. State
OL	Jeff Faine	6'3"	298	Sr.	Notre Dame
OL	Eric Steinbach	6'7"	284	Sr.	Iowa
OL	Todd Wike	6'3"	300	Sr.	Maryland
QB	Ken Dorsey	6'5"	200	Sr.	Miami
RB	Dahrran Diedrick	6'0"	225	Sr.	Nebraska
RB	Clarence Farmer	6'1"	215	Jr.	Arizona

SPECIALISTS

K	Todd Sievers	6'3"	214	Sr.	Miami
KR	Chris Massey	6'0"	204	Sr.	Okla. State

DEFENSE

DL	Jimmy Kennedy	6'5"	330	Sr.	Penn State
DL	Darnell Dockett	6'4"	285	Jr.	Florida State
DL	Tommie Harris	6'3"	278	So.	Oklahoma
DL	Dewayne White	6'3"	277	Jr.	Louisville
LB	Bradie James	6'3"	238	Sr.	LSU
LB	Lance Briggs	6'2"	235	Sr.	Arizona
LB	Jarrod Penright	6'2"	240	Sr.	Texas A&M
DB	Sammy Davis	6'1"	183	Sr.	Texas A&M
DB	Terrence Holt	6'2"	203	Sr.	NC State
DB	Stuart Schweigert	6'3"	208	Jr.	Purdue
DB	Eugene Wilson	5'11"	185	Sr.	Illinois

P	Glenn Pakulak	6'3"	230	Sr.	Kentucky
PR	Luke Powell	5'8"	170	Jr.	Stanford

THIRD TEAM

OFFENSE

WR	Kevin Curtis	5'11"	183	Sr.	Utah State
WR	Darius Watts	6'2"	183	Jr.	Marshall
TE	Doug Zeigler	6'5"	254	Sr.	Ole Miss
OL	Shawn Andrews	6'6"	330	So.	Arkansas
OL	Josh Gardner	6'4"	285	Sr.	Cincinnati
OL	Ben Claxton	6'3"	288	Sr.	Ole Miss
OL	Ben Johnson	6'7"	321	Sr.	Wisconsin
OL	Nate McPeck	6'5"	321	Jr.	Marshall
QB	Byron Leftwich	6'6"	240	Sr.	Marshall
RB	Chris Brown	6'3"	220	Jr.	Colorado
RB	Bruce Perry	5'9"	188	Jr.	Maryland

SPECIALISTS

K	Damon Duval	6'1"	187	Sr.	Auburn
KR	Chris Douglass	5'11"	190	Jr.	Duke

DEFENSE

DL	Greg Gathers	6'1"	275	Sr.	Georgia Tech
DL	Aaron Hunt	6'2"	262	Sr.	Texas Tech
DL	Dan Klecko	6'1"	276	Sr.	Temple
DL	Eric Manning	6'1"	295	Sr.	Oregon State
LB	Gerald Hayes	6'3"	245	Sr.	Pittsburgh
LB	Sean Doyle	6'0"	235	Sr.	Missouri
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PREDICTING HEISMAN WINNER CAN BE "WEB" OF CONFUSION

by Andrew Maraniss

So the question is, Rex Grossman, can you sing? Sure, you've got a great arm, but if you really want to win the Heisman Trophy this year, you're going to have to hit the high notes.

As you readers remember, the 2001 Heisman was up for grabs until the envelope was opened. Grossman, Joey Harrington, Ken Dorsey, and Eric Crouch all headed to New York with realistic shots at bringing home the trophy. Several other players had stellar seasons and probably deserved more consideration.

So what earned Crouch the hardware? Why was Harrington overlooked? What should Chris Simms' PR gurus keep in mind when launching his campaign this year?

The answers to these questions are plastered all over the Internet. Just type in "Heisman Trophy candidate" on any search engine and you'll discover that just about every halfway decent player in America has his own Heisman candidate Web site. We examined these sites to see what key nuggets of information made the difference last year, and to determine what this year's candidates should keep in mind as they campaign for the world's most famous stiff-arming statuette.

THINK "TALENT SHOW"

Crouch's web site bio mentions that he sang in two fund-raising musicals. The way we see it, that's why he carried the Midwest. So, Grossman, learn a few show tunes. Hits from *The Music Man* always bring down the house. And if the mundane talent of singing is good enough to win the prize, just think of the landslide that's possible with more obscure skills. David Greene, maybe you could learn to swallow fire. Chris Simms, were you aware that many Heisman voters just love mimes? True.



DON'T BE TOO HONEST

Some say Harrington didn't win last year's Heisman because he played out West and a lot of voters never got to see him on TV. Others say he simply didn't put up the same kind of numbers as his competition. A glance at his web site revealed the real reason: he was just a little too honest on his questionnaire. When asked "What people don't know about me is:" he replied, "I'm a dork." I just don't think that's what the Heisman voters in the Northeast are looking for. So, Kevin Curtis, play it safe and leave words like dweeb, nerd, and out-cast off the ol' questionnaire.

Unfortunately, Harrington didn't stop with the dork comment. When posed with the phrase, "My *SportsCenter* highlight would consist of", he went with the brutally honest answer of "The awkward, un-athletic catch against Texas in the Holiday Bowl." So, Eli Manning, you're probably better off skipping the vivid-but-potentially-Heisman-confiscating memory: "throwing like a rag-armed little girl in a horrifically unproductive first-half performance against Vanderbilt."



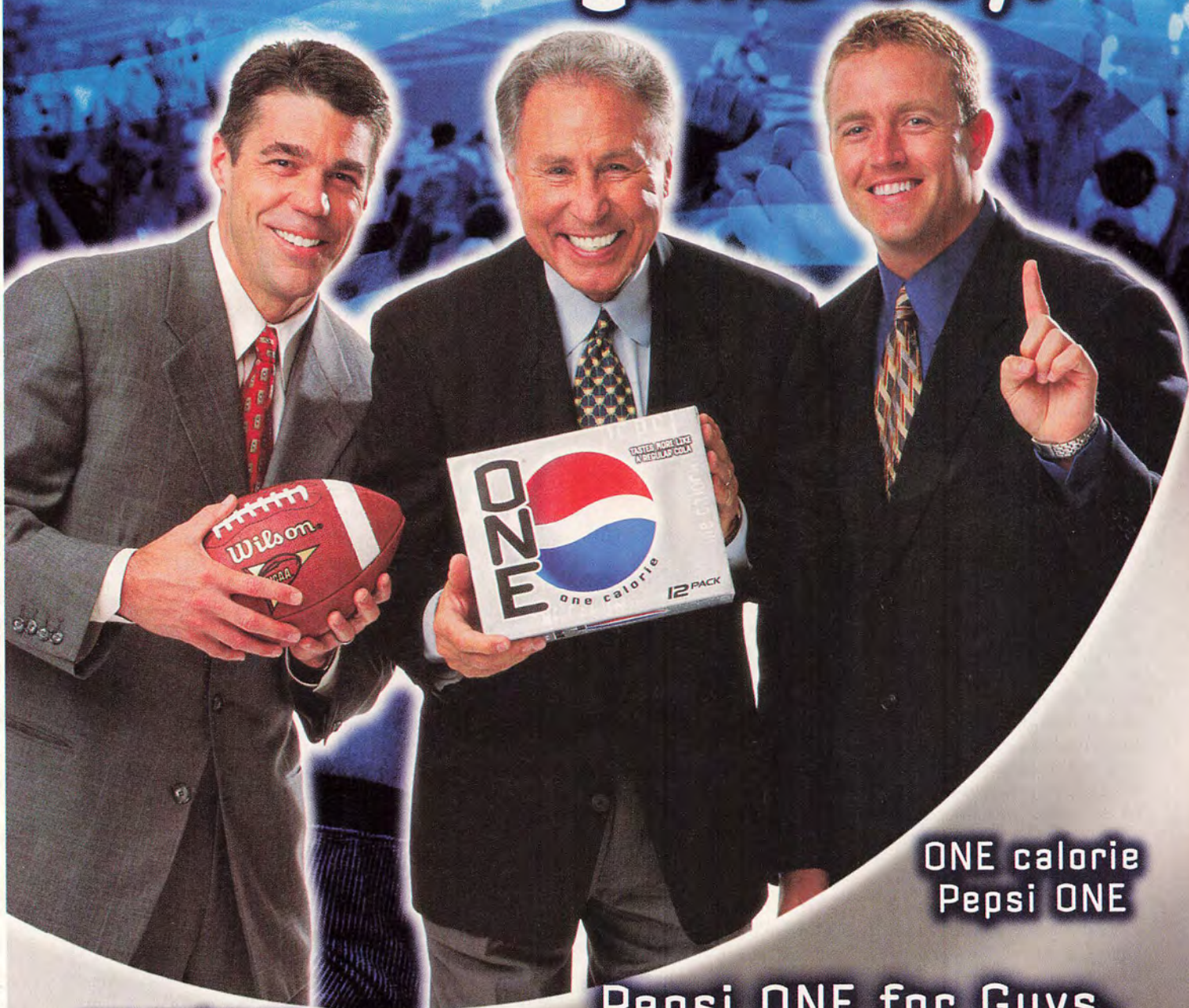
PERFECT ANOTHER POSITION

Sure, Crouch accepted his Heisman as Nebraska's quarterback, but a peek at his Web site reveals that his non-QB skills may have tipped the scales in his favor. His site mentions that his "signature moment" came when he caught that 63-yard TD pass against Oklahoma and goes on to say that his 95-yard TD run at Missouri "secured his place among the nation's best running backs."

Casey Clausen, if you could stop throwing the ball for just a minute and work on your long-snapping technique, this could be the year. "Clausen's signature moment came when he rifled a picture-perfect snap during Tennessee's 42-6 rout of Wyoming." Byron Leftwich, ever thought about volunteering as a wedge-breaker on kickoff coverage? Chris Rix, don't forget that a good kneel-catch-and-spin against Wake Forest could secure your place among the nation's best holders.



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WATCH THE IMAGERY

Antwaan Randle El is a gifted athlete with incredible skills. Anybody who has ever seen him play could vouch for that. On his Web site, however, the writers got a little carried away with the imagery when they described the somehow-not-hyphenated one. "Randle El," they wrote, "has the unique ability to contort his body into almost any imaginable position."

Really now, does it do anybody any good — especially your Heisman candidate — to get people wondering if they've stumbled upon some sort of carnival freak show homepage when they're reading about your guy? Keep that in mind Anthony Davis. "Anthony Davis has the world's longest fingernails and can open a can of soda from 17 feet away!" Might get you a guest appearance on Springer, but not gonna win you the Heisman.

ASK THE RIGHT QUESTIONS

Another reason Randle El wasn't even invited to New York: Here's a quote on his site from former Penn State (and current Green Bay Packer) defensive back Bhawoh Jue. "Have you ever chased a rabbit?" No, Bhawoh, we have never chased a rabbit. But neither have we ever walked slowly behind a pig, skipped alongside a baby chick, or crawled in front of a goat. Never done any of that and we can hon-

estly say it has had no impact on our Heisman voting.

So remember that, Bruce Perry. "Have you ever fixed a dripping faucet?"; "Have you been cross-country skiing?"; and "How do you like your eggs?" are all interesting questions, but they really shouldn't be found anywhere near your Heisman Web site.

QUOTE THE AUTHORITIES

Knute Rockne. The Gipper. Amos Alonzo Stagg. Bear Bryant. These are the kind of guys you want saying good things about your Heisman candidate. Never mind if they're not actually living. If that's a criteria at your school, see if guys like Joe Paterno, Bobby Bowden, Eddie Robinson or Beano Cook have ever said anything nice about your man.

Let's critique Oregon State's Ken Simonton's Web site. "Ken Simonton is a definite Heisman Trophy candidate." — Eastern Washington Head Coach Paul Wulff. OK fellas, Eastern Washington has a nice program and Paul Wulff is a heckuva guy, but that's not exactly the kind of clout our man Kenny needed last year. Keep that in mind, Dave Ragone. If you hear your Webmaster saying things like, "Gee, I wonder what Coach Jerry Graybeal over at Weber State thinks of our Dave," find a new computer geek, quick!

Then there's UNLV's Web site, which mentioned that quarterback Jason Thomas was called "the real deal" by FinancialTimes.com. FinancialTimes.com? Yeah, but what did Charles Schwab say?

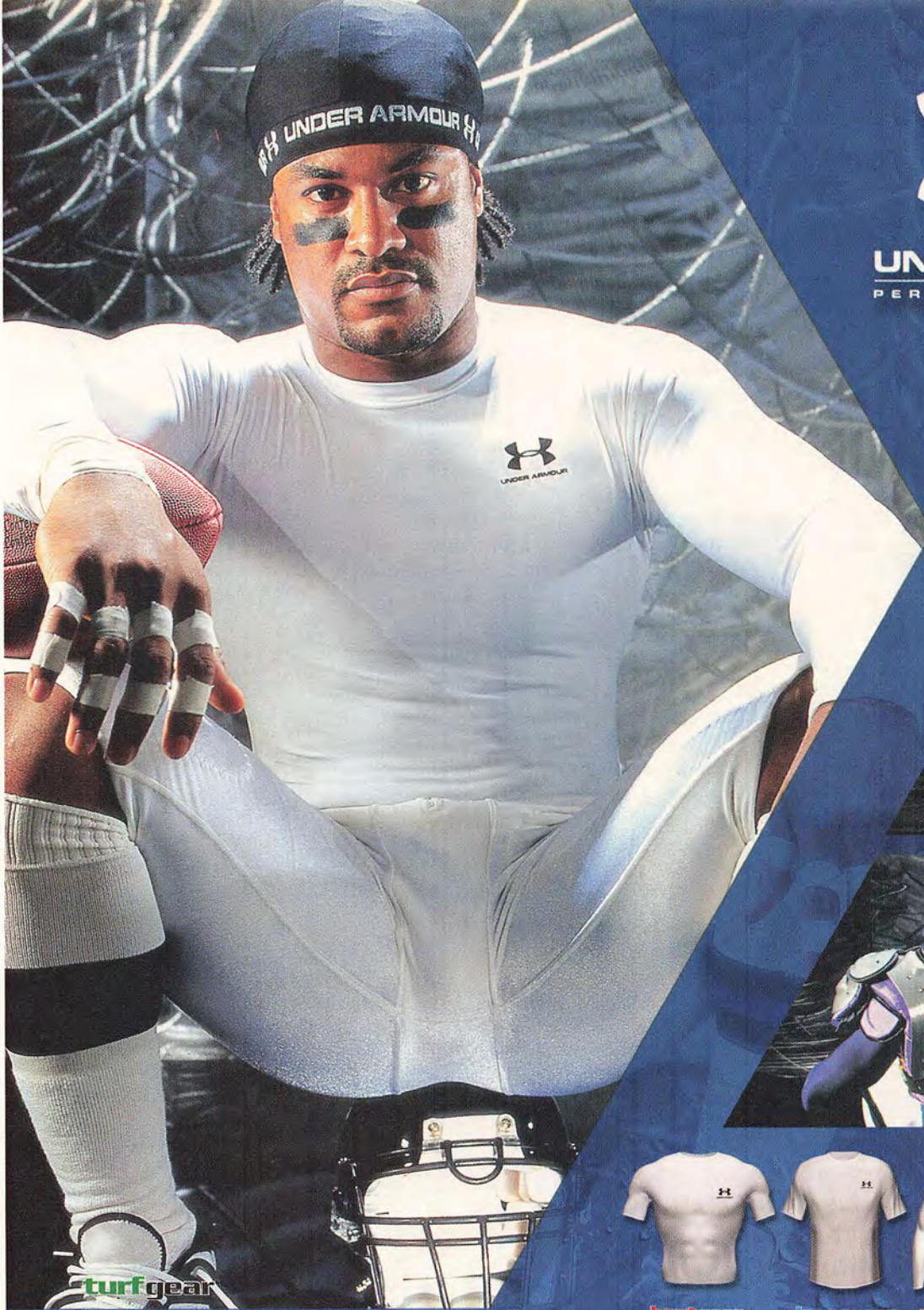
GO AHEAD AND BRAG JUST A LITTLE

In some cases, a few of the 2001 candidates could have done themselves a favor by being just a little bit more boastful about their abilities. This is the Heisman Trophy after all, one of the most hyped awards in all of sports, so there's no reason to be shy. Apparently the folks who helped put together Toledo running back Chester Taylor's Web site opted to go the understated route when they quoted Western Michigan coach Gary Darnell. "Chester is certainly one of the better backs in the Mid-American Conference," said Darnell. This quote really did Chester a lot of good, since as a rule guys who rate among the top 8-10 running backs in the MAC are perennial Heisman hopefuls. In fact, how many times have we seen a case where the second-string tailback at Bowling Green gets drafted in the first round? Just like Nebraska linemen.

Keep that in mind 2002 Heisman wannabes. "Jeff Smoker is a fairly adequate signal caller in the Big Ten." "Chance Kretschmer ranks among the more serviceable running backs in the WAC." "Leroy Handy is better than many other wide receivers in Conference USA." Persuasive comments to be sure, but ain't gonna win you the Heisman.

MAKE YOUR NAME AN ADJECTIVE

So it didn't work last year, but we're thinking this is the key to the 2002 Heisman decision. Last year, BYU quarterback Brandon Doman's Web site was littered with references to Brandon's "Domanating" performances. Skills on the field are great and all, but making a word out of your name has got to be worth dozens of votes. That's why this year, our money's on Utah State quarterback Jose Fuentes to win the Heisman. After all, Jose can be downright Fuentastic!



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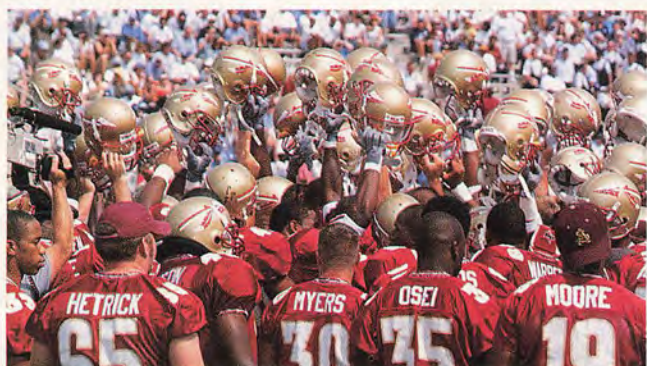
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1. Florida State	26. Boston College	51. Purdue	76. Toledo	101. Duke
2. Texas	27. Arkansas	52. Bowling Green	77. Kansas	102. Utah State
3. Miami	28. Texas A&M	53. Wake Forest	78. South Florida	103. UTEP
4. Tennessee	29. Texas Tech	54. Stanford	79. Air Force	104. Rice
5. Oklahoma	30. Georgia Tech	55. Cincinnati	80. Kentucky	105. Akron
6. Washington	31. BYU	56. Oklahoma State	81. Northwestern	106. Houston
7. LSU	32. Alabama	57. Fresno State	82. Vanderbilt	107. Ohio
8. Colorado	33. UCLA	58. Missouri	83. California	108. Idaho
9. Michigan	34. Illinois	59. Memphis	84. Temple	109. Tulsa
10. Florida	35. Oregon State	60. North Carolina	85. Indiana	110. Central Michigan
11. Nebraska	36. Iowa	61. East Carolina	86. SMU	111. Buffalo
12. USC	37. Colorado State	62. UCF	87. UAB	112. Connecticut
13. Ohio State	38. Syracuse	63. Middle Tennessee	88. San Diego State	113. UL-Monroe
14. Georgia	39. Kansas State	64. Boise State	89. Ball State	114. San Jose State
15. Washington State	40. Notre Dame	65. Arizona State	90. Rutgers	115. UL-Lafayette
16. Louisville	41. Clemson	66. Hawaii	91. Western Michigan	116. Eastern Michigan
17. Wisconsin	42. Auburn	67. Minnesota	92. Tulane	117. Arkansas State
18. Virginia Tech	43. Penn State	68. New Mexico	93. Nevada	
19. NC State	44. Ole Miss	69. TCU	94. Kent State	
20. Utah	45. Southern Miss	70. West Virginia	95. North Texas	
21. Michigan State	46. Pittsburgh	71. Arizona	96. Wyoming	
22. Maryland	47. Iowa State	72. UNLV	97. Troy State	
23. Marshall	48. Virginia	73. Miami (Ohio)	98. New Mexico State	
24. South Carolina	49. Mississippi State	74. Northern Illinois	99. Army	
25. Oregon	50. Louisiana Tech	75. Baylor	100. Navy	



PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

1. Florida State	6. Virginia
2. NC State	7. Wake Forest
3. Maryland	8. North Carolina
4. Georgia Tech	9. Duke
5. Clemson	



PRESEASON ALL-ACC

OFFENSE

QB	Chris Rix	6'4"	210	So.	Florida State
RB	Bruce Perry	5'9"	188	Jr.	Maryland
RB	Tarence Williams	5'10"	178	Sr.	Wake Forest
WR	Billy McMullen	6'4"	205	Sr.	Virginia
WR	Anquan Boldin	6'2"	205	Jr.	Florida State
TE	Jeff Dugan	6'4"	266	Jr.	Maryland
OL	Brett Williams	6'6"	317	Sr.	Florida State
OL	Nat Dorsey	6'6"	315	So.	Georgia Tech
OL	Montrae Holland	6'3"	325	Sr.	Florida State
OL	Todd Wike	6'3"	295	Sr.	Maryland
OL	Antoine Mirambeau	6'4"	285	Sr.	Florida State

DEFENSE

DL	Greg Gathers	6'1"	275	Sr.	Georgia Tech
DL	Darnell Dockett	6'4"	285	Jr.	Florida State
DL	Calvin Pace	6'6"	260	Sr.	Wake Forest
DL	Alonzo Jackson	6'4"	255	Sr.	Florida State
LB	E.J. Henderson	6'2"	250	Sr.	Maryland
LB	Dantonio Burnette	5'10"	233	Sr.	N.C. State
LB	Kendyll Pope	6'2"	220	Jr.	Florida State
DB	Mike Waddell	5'11"	173	Sr.	North Carolina
DB	Shernard Newby	6'1"	210	Sr.	Virginia
DB	Jeremy Muyres	6'3"	205	Sr.	Georgia Tech
DB	Terrence Holt	6'2"	203	Sr.	NC State

SPECIALISTS

K	Xavier Beitia	5'10"	200	So.	Florida State
P	Brooks Barnard	6'2"	188	Sr.	Maryland
KR	Chris Douglas	5'11"	190	Jr.	Duke
PR	Kelley Rhino	5'7"	179	Sr.	Georgia Tech



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PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

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|-------------------|------------------|
| 1. Miami | 5. Pittsburgh |
| 2. Virginia Tech | 6. West Virginia |
| 3. Boston College | 7. Temple |
| 4. Syracuse | 8. Rutgers |



Allen Kite

BIG TEN

PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

- | | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| 1. Michigan | 7. Penn State |
| 2. Ohio State | 8. Purdue |
| 3. Wisconsin | 9. Minnesota |
| 4. Michigan State | 10. Northwestern |
| 5. Illinois | 11. Indiana |
| 6. Iowa | |



Ross Detman

PRESEASON ALL-BIG EAST

OFFENSE

QB	Ken Dorsey	6'5"	200	Sr.	Miami
RB	Avon Cobourne	5'9"	190	Sr.	West Virginia
RB	Lee Suggs	6'0"	201	Sr.	Virginia Tech
WR	Andre Johnson	6'3"	212	Jr.	Miami
WR	Sean Dillard	5'10"	175	Sr.	Temple
TE	L.J. Smith	6'4"	243	Sr.	Rutgers
OL	Brett Romberg	6'3"	289	Sr.	Miami
OL	Jake Grove	6'3"	286	Jr.	Virginia Tech
OL	Sherko Haji-Rasouli	6'6"	315	Sr.	Miami
OL	Dan Koppen	6'3"	293	Sr.	Boston College
OL	Mark Parenteau	6'5"	308	Sr.	Boston College

DEFENSE

DL	Jerome McDougale	6'4"	260	Sr.	Miami
DL	Dan Klecko	6'1"	276	Sr.	Temple
DL	William Joseph	6'5"	282	Sr.	Miami
DL	Josh Thomas	6'7"	270	Jr.	Syracuse
LB	Clifton Smith	6'3"	263	Sr.	Syracuse
LB	Gerald Hayes	6'3"	245	Jr.	Pittsburgh
LB	Jonathan Vilma	6'2"	220	Jr.	Miami
DB	Ronyell Whitaker	5'9"	197	Sr.	Virginia Tech
DB	Torrie Cox	5'10"	185	Jr.	Pittsburgh
DB	Willie Pile	6'3"	205	Sr.	Virginia Tech
DB	Will Hunter	5'11"	182	Sr.	Syracuse

SPECIALISTS

K	Todd Sievers	6'3"	214	Sr.	Miami
P	Kevin McMyler	6'1"	194	Sr.	Boston College
KR	Makonnen Fenton	5'10"	200	Jr.	Temple
PR	Jamel Riddle	5'7"	173	Jr.	Syracuse

PRESEASON ALL-BIG TEN

OFFENSE

QB	Jeff Smoker	6'3"	212	Jr.	Michigan State
RB	Anthony Davis	5'8"	183	So.	Wisconsin
RB	Marion Barber III	5'11"	195	So.	Minnesota
WR	Brandon Lloyd	6'2"	180	Jr.	Illinois
WR	Charles Rogers	6'4"	200	Jr.	Michigan State
TE	Ben Utecht	6'6"	242	Jr.	Minnesota
OL	Tony Pashos	6'6"	320	Sr.	Illinois
OL	Tony Pape	6'6"	299	Jr.	Michigan
OL	Eric Steinbach	6'7"	284	Sr.	Iowa
OL	Enoch DeMar	6'5"	315	Sr.	Indiana
OL	Ben Johnson	6'7"	321	Sr.	Wisconsin

DEFENSE

DL	Dan Rumishek	6'4"	277	Sr.	Michigan
DL	Jimmy Kennedy	6'5"	330	Sr.	Penn State
DL	Tim Anderson	6'4"	289	Jr.	Ohio State
DL	Colin Cole	6'2"	300	Sr.	Iowa
LB	Victor Hobson	6'1"	244	Sr.	Michigan
LB	Jerry Schumacher	6'3"	235	Sr.	Illinois
LB	Matt Wilhelm	6'4"	245	Sr.	Ohio State
DB	Mike Doss	5'11"	204	Sr.	Ohio State
DB	Stuart Schweigert	6'3"	208	Jr.	Purdue
DB	Eugene Wilson	5'11"	185	Sr.	Illinois
DB	Bob Sanders	5'8"	194	Jr.	Iowa

SPECIALISTS

K	Peter Christofilakos	5'9"	170	Jr.	Illinois
P	Preston Gruening	5'10"	201	Sr.	Minnesota
KR	Larry Johnson	6'2"	222	Sr.	Penn State
PR	Eugene Wilson	5'11"	185	Sr.	Illinois



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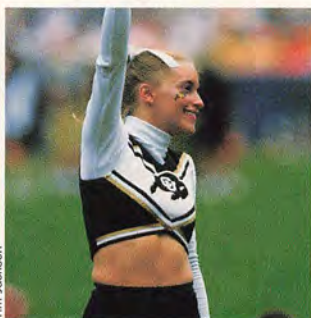
PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

North

1. Colorado
2. Nebraska
3. Kansas State
4. Iowa State
5. Missouri
6. Kansas

South

1. Texas
2. Oklahoma
3. Texas A&M
4. Texas Tech
5. Oklahoma State
6. Baylor



Tim Jackson



Chris Covatta



PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

1. Louisville
2. Southern Miss
3. Cincinnati
4. Memphis
5. ECU

6. TCU
7. UAB
8. Tulane
9. Army
10. Houston



Joe Robbins

PRESEASON ALL-BIG 12

OFFENSE

QB	Kliff Kingsbury	6'4"	210	Sr.	Texas Tech
RB	Dahrran Diedrick	6'0"	225	Sr.	Nebraska
RB	Chris Brown	6'3"	220	Jr.	Colorado
WR	Rashaun Woods	6'2"	185	Jr.	Oklahoma St.
WR	Roy Williams	6'4"	210	Jr.	Texas
TE	Trent Smith	6'5"	230	Sr.	Oklahoma
OL	Wayne Lucier	6'4"	295	Sr.	Colorado
OL	Robbie Doane	6'6"	315	Sr.	Texas
OL	Rex Richards	6'4"	331	Sr.	Texas Tech
OL	John Garrison	6'4"	290	Sr.	Nebraska
OL	Justin Bates	6'4"	295	Sr.	Colorado

DEFENSE

DL	Tommie Harris	6'3"	280	So.	Oklahoma
DL	Ty Warren	6'4"	295	Sr.	Texas A&M
DL	Cory Redding	6'5"	270	Sr.	Texas
DL	Aaron Hunt	6'2"	262	Sr.	Texas Tech
LB	Lawrence Flugence	6'2"	244	Sr.	Texas Tech
LB	Sean Doyle	6'0"	235	Sr.	Missouri
LB	Jarrod Penright	6'2"	240	Sr.	Texas A&M
DB	DeJuan Groce	5'10"	190	Sr.	Nebraska
DB	Sammy Davis	6'0"	183	Sr.	Texas A&M
DB	Nathan Vasher	5'11"	180	Jr.	Texas
DB	Derrick Strait	5'11"	194	Jr.	Oklahoma

SPECIALISTS

K	Dusty Mangum	5'11"	170	So.	Texas
P	Mark Mariscal	6'2"	190	Sr.	Colorado
KR	Chris Massey	6'0"	205	Jr.	Oklahoma St.
PR	Nathan Vasher	5'11"	180	Jr.	Texas

PRESEASON ALL-C-USA

OFFENSE

QB	Dave Ragone	6'4"	250	Sr.	Louisville
RB	Mewelde Moore	6'1"	203	Jr.	Tulane
RB	Dante Brown	6'2"	215	Sr.	Memphis
WR	LaDaris Vann	5'9"	202	Sr.	Cincinnati
WR	Roydell Williams	6'2"	171	Sr.	Tulane
TE	Ronnie Ghent	6'3"	237	Sr.	Louisville
OL	Wade Smith	6'4"	270	Sr.	Memphis
OL	Josh Gardner	6'4"	285	Sr.	Cincinnati
OL	Brian Rimpf	6'5"	301	Sr.	ECU
OL	Al James	6'0"	300	Sr.	Houston
OL	Jeremy Bridges	6'4"	300	Jr.	Southern Miss

DEFENSE

DL	Dewayne White	6'3"	227	Jr.	Louisville
DL	Terrell Paul	6'3"	226	Jr.	Southern Miss
DL	Skylor Magee	6'1"	270	So.	Southern Miss
DL	Antawn Peek	6'2"	244	Sr.	Cincinnati
LB	LaMarcus McDonald	6'1"	230	Sr.	TCU
LB	Jason Frazier	5'11"	227	Sr.	Army
LB	Rod Davis	6'3"	238	Jr.	Southern Miss
DB	Anthony Floyd	5'10"	210	Sr.	Louisville
DB	Curry Burns	6'1"	215	Sr.	Louisville
DB	Greg Brooks	5'11"	167	Sr.	Southern Miss
DB	Jason Goss	5'11"	189	Sr.	TCU

SPECIALISTS

K	Seth Marler	6'0"	195	Sr.	Tulane
P	Jarad Preston	5'11"	194	Sr.	ECU
KR	Jason Southall	5'11"	170	Jr.	UAB
PR	Willie Quinnie	6'2"	180	Sr.	UAB

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EAST

1. Marshall
2. UCF
3. Miami
4. Kent State
5. Akron
6. Ohio
7. Buffalo

WEST

1. Bowling Green
2. Northern Illinois
3. Toledo
4. Ball State
5. Western Michigan
6. Central Michigan
7. Eastern Michigan

PRESEASON ALL-MAC

OFFENSE

QB	Byron Leftwich	6'6"	240	Sr.	Marshall
RB	Marcus Merriweather	6'0"	209	Sr.	Ball State
RB	Thomas Hammock	5'8"	214	Sr.	N. Illinois
WR	Darius Watts	6'2"	183	Jr.	Marshall
WR	Josh Davis	6'1"	195	So.	Marshall
TE	Chad Bartoszek	6'6"	255	Sr.	Buffalo
OL	Nick Kaczur	6'6"	300	So.	Toledo
OL	Nathan McPeck	6'5"	321	Jr.	Marshall
OL	Kyle Crosky	6'3"	310	Sr.	C. Michigan
OL	Tim Vincent	6'6"	289	Sr.	N. Illinois
OL	Chris Tuminello	6'3"	282	Sr.	Toledo

DEFENSE

DL	Ryan Terry	6'2"	353	Sr.	Miami
DL	DeMarcus Johnson	6'4"	295	Jr.	UCF
DL	Elton Patterson	6'2"	275	Sr.	UCF
DL	Anthony Allsbury	6'2"	253	Sr.	W. Michigan
LB	Tom Ward	6'1"	236	Sr.	Toledo
LB	Lorenzo Scott	6'2"	210	Jr.	Ball State
LB	David Gardner	6'2"	231	Sr.	Toledo
DB	Lionel Hickenbottom	5'11"	187	Jr.	N. Illinois
DB	Matt Robillard	6'3"	220	Sr.	Miami
DB	Vince Thompson	5'10"	178	Sr.	N. Illinois
DB	Asante Samuel	5'11"	190	Sr.	UCF

SPECIALISTS

K	Steve Azar	5'8"	192	Jr.	N. Illinois
P	Curtis Head	5'11"	179	Sr.	Marshall
KR	Doug Gabriel	6'2"	205	Sr.	UCF
PR	Donta Greene	5'7"	180	Sr.	Toledo

PRESEASON ALL-MWC

OFFENSE

QB	Casey Bramlet	6'4"	220	Jr.	Wyoming
RB	Joe Haro	5'10"	195	Sr.	UNLV
RB	Cecil Sapp	6'1"	225	Jr.	Colorado St.
WR	Reno Mahe	5'11"	185	Sr.	BYU
WR	Ryan McGuffey	6'1"	204	Jr.	Wyoming
TE	Spencer Nead	6'4"	265	Sr.	BYU
OL	Adam Goldberg	6'7"	330	Sr.	Wyoming
OL	Ben Archibald	6'4"	317	Sr.	BYU
OL	Jason Lenzmeier	6'5"	305	Jr.	New Mexico
OL	Johnathan Ingram	6'2"	300	Sr.	San Diego St.
OL	Jordan Gross	6'5"	310	Sr.	Utah

DEFENSE

DL	Garrett Smith	6'3"	303	Sr.	Utah
DL	Jason Kaufusi	6'3"	250	Jr.	Utah
DL	Peter Hogan	6'3"	265	Sr.	Colorado St.
DL	Ahmad Briggs	6'4"	230	Sr.	UNLV
LB	Sheldon Deckart	6'2"	240	Sr.	Utah
LB	Eric Pauly	6'4"	220	Jr.	Colorado St.
LB	Drew Wood	6'2"	230	Jr.	Colorado St.
DB	Jernaro Gifford	6'2"	187	Jr.	BYU
DB	Antwoine Sanders	6'2"	196	Jr.	Utah
DB	Wes Crawley	6'0"	190	Sr.	Air Force
DB	Arnold Parker	6'2"	210	Jr.	Utah

SPECIALISTS

K	Jarvis Wallum	5'11"	195	Sr.	Wyoming
P	Joey Huber	6'6"	223	Sr.	Colorado St.
KR	Dominique Dorsey	5'6"	165	So.	UNLV
PR	Dexter Wynn	5'9"	175	Jr.	Colorado St.

Mountain West

PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

1. Utah
2. BYU
3. Colorado State
4. New Mexico
5. UNLV
6. Air Force
7. San Diego State
8. Wyoming



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| 1. Washington | 6. Oregon State |
| 2. USC | 7. Stanford |
| 3. Wash. State | 8. Arizona State |
| 4. Oregon | 9. Arizona |
| 5. UCLA | 10. Cal |



John Gress

PRESEASON ALL-PAC 10

OFFENSE

QB	Jason Gesser	6'1"	200	Sr.	Wash. State
QB	Clarence Farmer	6'1"	214	Jr.	Arizona
RB	Onterio Smith	5'11"	195	Jr.	Oregon
WR	Keenan Howry	5'10"	170	Sr.	Oregon
WR	Reggie Williams	6'4"	220	So.	Washington
WR	Shaun McDonald	5'9"	172	Jr.	Arizona State
OL	Mike Saffer	6'5"	304	Sr.	UCLA
OL	Derrick Roche	6'5"	295	Sr.	Wash. State.
OL	Greg Schindler	6'5"	307	Sr.	Stanford
OL	Kwame Harris	6'7"	308	Jr.	Stanford
OL	Zach Wilson	6'5"	300	Sr.	USC

DEFENSE

DL	Rodney Leisle	6'4"	298	Jr.	UCLA
DL	Terrell Suggs	6'3"	242	Jr.	Arizona State
DL	Eric Manning	6'1"	295	Sr.	Oregon State
DL	Tully Banta-Cain	6'4"	260	Sr.	Cal
LB	Lance Briggs	6'2"	232	Sr.	Arizona
LB	Kevin Mitchell	5'10"	212	Jr.	Oregon
LB	Ben Mahdavi	6'2"	235	Sr.	Washington
DB	Troy Polamalu	5'10"	215	Sr.	USC
DB	Dennis Weathersby	6'1"	206	Sr.	Oregon State
DB	Ricky Manning	5'9"	180	Sr.	UCLA
DB	Michael Jolivet	5'11"	179	Jr.	Arizona

SPECIALISTS

K	David Davis	5'11"	160	Sr.	USC
P	Nate Fikse	5'9"	185	Sr.	UCLA
KR	Roc Alexander	6'0"	185	Jr.	Washington
PR	Luke Powell	5'8"	170	Jr.	Stanford

PRESEASON ALL-SEC

OFFENSE

QB	Rex Grossman	6'1"	220	Jr.	Florida
RB	LaBrandon Toefield	6'0"	225	Jr.	LSU
RB	Carnell Williams	5'11"	193	So.	Auburn
WR	Dan Stricker	6'3"	203	Sr.	Vanderbilt
WR	Kelley Washington	6'4"	225	So.	Tennessee
TE	Doug Ziegler	6'4"	254	Sr.	Ole Miss
OL	Jon Stinchcomb	6'6"	278	Sr.	Georgia
OL	Ben Claxton	6'3"	288	Sr.	Ole Miss
OL	Shane Hall	6'6"	305	Sr.	South Carolina
OL	Shawn Andrews	6'6"	330	So.	Arkansas
OL	Alonzo Ephraim	6'4"	312	Sr.	Alabama

DEFENSE

DL	Jarret Johnson	6'4"	287	Sr.	Alabama
DL	Ian Scott	6'3"	307	Jr.	Florida
DL	Kenny King	6'5"	277	Sr.	Alabama
LB	Bradie James	6'3"	238	Sr.	LSU
LB	Mario Haggan	6'3"	253	Sr.	Miss. State
LB	Boss Bailey	6'4"	218	Sr.	Georgia
LB	Eddie Strong	6'4"	245	Sr.	Ole Miss
DB	Todd Johnson	6'1"	201	Sr.	Florida
DB	Ken Hamlin	6'2"	197	Jr.	Arkansas
DB	Damien James	5'11"	191	Sr.	LSU
DB	Rashad Faison	5'9"	200	Sr.	South Carolina

SPECIALISTS

K	Damon Duval	6'1"	186	Sr.	Auburn
P	Glenn Pakulak	6'3"	230	Sr.	Kentucky
KR	Jason Armstead	5'10"	160	Sr.	Ole Miss
PR	Domanick Davis	5'10"	211	Sr.	LSU



PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

- | EAST | WEST |
|-------------------|----------------|
| 1. Tennessee | 1. LSU |
| 2. Florida | 2. Arkansas |
| 3. Georgia | 3. Alabama |
| 4. South Carolina | 4. Auburn |
| 5. Kentucky | 5. Ole Miss |
| 6. Vanderbilt | 6. Miss. State |



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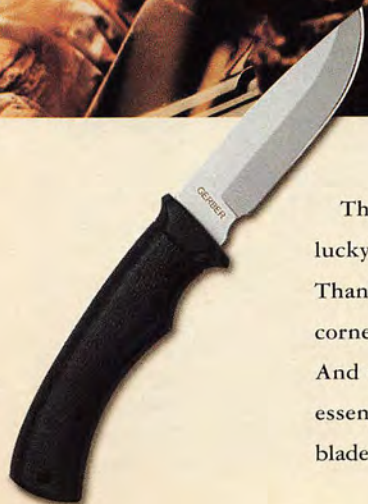


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1. Middle Tennessee
2. North Texas
3. New Mexico State
4. Idaho
5. UL-Monroe
6. UL-Lafayette
7. Arkansas State



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PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Louisiana Tech | 6. Nevada |
| 2. Fresno State | 7. UTEP |
| 3. Boise State | 8. Rice |
| 4. Hawaii | 9. Tulsa |
| 5. SMU | 10. San Jose State |



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PRESEASON ALL-SUN BELT

OFFENSE

QB	Jon Van Cleave	6'5"	246	Jr.	UL-Lafayette
RB	Dwone Hicks	5'11"	225	Sr.	Middle Tenn.
RB	Kevin Galbreath	5'9"	190	Sr.	North Texas
WR	Nick Dugas	5'11"	191	Sr.	UL-Lafayette
WR	George Marshall	6'1"	190	Sr.	North Texas
TE	Jeff Muenchow	6'4"	240	Sr.	North Texas
OL	Brandon Westbrook	6'6"	288	Jr.	Middle Tenn.
OL	Shalimar Jackson	6'3"	324	Sr.	N.M. State
OL	J.R. Randle	6'4"	295	Sr.	North Texas
OL	Nick Zuniga	6'3"	319	Jr.	North Texas
OL	Garry Johnson	6'4"	306	Sr.	Arkansas St.

DEFENSE

DL	Corey Conde	6'2"	251	Jr.	UL-Monroe
DL	Joe Olivo	6'2"	252	Jr.	N.M. State
DL	Brandon Kennedy	5'10"	325	Jr.	North Texas
DL	Chris McIver	6'1"	255	Sr.	North Texas
LB	Ross Brupbacher	6'1"	231	Sr.	UL-Lafayette
LB	Maurice Sonnier	6'2"	231	Jr.	UL-Monroe
LB	Cody Spencer	6'3"	230	Jr.	North Texas
DB	Charles Tillman	6'2"	192	Sr.	UL-Lafayette
DB	Siddeeq Shabazz	5'11"	202	Sr.	N.M. State
DB	Jonas Buckles	5'11"	215	So.	North Texas
DB	Michael Woods	6'2"	203	Jr.	Middle Tenn.

SPECIALISTS

K	Brian Kelly	6'0"	172	Jr.	Middle Tenn.
P	Robert Billingsly	6'0"	200	Jr.	Middle Tenn.
KR	James Hickenbotham	5'10"	176	Sr.	Arkansas St.
PR	Nick Dugas	5'11"	191	Sr.	UL-Lafayette

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OFFENSE

QB	Luke McCown	6'4"	200	Jr.	Louisiana Tech
RB	Chance Kretschmer	6'2"	200	So.	Nevada
RB	Brock Forsey	5'11"	200	Sr.	Boise State
WR	Bernard Berrian	6'2"	190	Sr.	Fresno State
WR	D. J. Curry	5'10"	170	Jr.	Louisiana Tech
TE	John Hampton	6'3"	249	Sr.	SMU
OL	Vince Manuwai	6'2"	285	Sr.	Hawaii
OL	Damian Lavergne	6'6"	330	Sr.	Louisiana Tech
OL	Ariel Famaligi	6'4"	320	Sr.	UTEP
OL	Joe Schey	6'6"	315	Sr.	Fresno State
OL	Rodney Michael	6'4"	300	Sr.	Fresno State

DEFENSE

DL	Nick Burley	6'4"	250	Sr.	Fresno State
DL	Brandon Green	6'3"	265	Sr.	Rice
DL	Jason Stewart	6'1"	270	Sr.	Fresno State
DL	Sam Rayburn	6'3"	303	Sr.	Tulsa
LB	Chris Brown	6'1"	258	Sr.	Hawaii
LB	Vic Vioria	5'11"	235	Sr.	SMU
LB	Pisa Tinoisamoa	6'0"	217	Sr.	Hawaii
DB	Jonas Rutledge	5'10"	180	Jr.	SMU
DB	Quintin Mikell	5'10"	206	Sr.	Boise State
DB	D. J. Walker	6'3"	215	Sr.	UTEP
DB	Bryce McGill	5'11"	205	Jr.	Fresno State

SPECIALISTS

K	Asen Asparuhov	6'5"	215	Sr.	Fresno State
P	Mat McBriar	6'1"	202	Sr.	Hawaii
KR	Chad Owens	5'8"	175	So.	Hawaii
PR	Bernard Berrian	6'2"	190	Sr.	Fresno State

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Florida State seminoles

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At the close of spring practice, Florida State coach Bobby Bowden made it quite clear that the expectations for the Seminoles in 2002 would include a return to National Championship-contending prominence.

"There's no reason we can't get back and be a contender," Bowden says. "We were off-target last year. Maybe we couldn't help it with

Bowden opened up the quarterback competition in the spring, and Rix responded by holding off the challenges from classmate Adrian McPherson and junior college transfer Fabian Walker.

Providing a 1-2 punch of contrasting styles, tailbacks Greg Jones and Nick Maddox will open the season as tag-team partners in a crowded backfield. They earned that right by combining for 1,151 of the Seminoles' 1,756 rushing yards and nine rushing touchdowns. Jones provides the early-down muscle, while Maddox's versatility as a slasher and pass receiver gives FSU a complementary pair.

Any chance the Seminoles had of flourishing last season disappeared in a heap in August when veteran receivers Robert Morgan and Anquan Boldin were lost to season-ending knee injuries. Their healthy return this season guarantees Rix two targets with a combined 94 receptions and 1,471 yards. Cashing in on their absence, Talman Gardner stayed healthy for the first time and returns for his senior year with an 11-touchdown season under his belt.

The engine that drives the offense may actually be the team's overall strength with five returning senior starters along the offensive line. Fourth-year starting split tackle Brett Williams, a three-time All-ACC selection, is the unit's rock. Guards Montrae Holland and Milford Brown provide the Noles with perhaps their most athletic interior linemen in school history. Center Antoine Mirambeau is the team's strongest player. Senior tight tackle Todd Williams must hold off sophomore Ray Willis, who started the final two games of the year.

Restoring a once-feared pass rush is paramount if the defense is to improve. The cast of characters remains the same, with Alonzo Jackson — voted the most dominating performer of the spring — set to lead from his defensive end position.

FSU's strength up front, however, comes from within, where All-ACC tackle Darnell Dockett brings a nasty streak and 41 career tackles for a loss to the table alongside fellow junior tackle Jeff Womble. The return of sophomore

Travis Johnson provides the Noles with a solid three-man rotation.

Jerel Hudson proved capable of smothering the run when he started the final two games at middle linebacker last season in place of an injured Bradley Jennings. Weak-side linebacker Kendyll Pope's 113 tackles were somewhat overshadowed by the emergence of Michael Boulware as a rising star on the strong side.

Junior cornerbacks Stanford Samuels and Rufus Brown should be better after their year of starting experience under fire, and if they aren't, junior Malcolm Tatum and sophomores Leroy Smith and Bryant McFadden will have an immediate opportunity to unseat the incumbents. Free safety Kyler Hall and rovers Claudius Osei and Jerome Carter established themselves as hard hitters in the spring, but their pass-defense skills remain a work in progress.

Xavier Beitia set the tone for his career by nailing 13-of-14 field-goal attempts as a freshman. Beitia could challenge for All-America honors. Punter Chance Gwaltney must improve on his 40.1-yard average or risk losing his job to redshirt freshman Chris Hall.



Allen Kee

Chris Rix

all the injuries, graduation (losses) and a freshman quarterback. I do feel like we're back on target."

75

The Seminoles' five returning senior offensive linemen have a combined 75 career starts.

Bowden's reaffirmation of the Seminoles' standard goals is fueled by the return of 27 players with starting experience, although it comes on the heels of an 8-4 finish that marked FSU's worst season in 16 years.

The anxiety of a year ago has lifted with the continued development of quarterback Chris Rix. As a redshirt freshman, Rix finished eighth nationally in passing efficiency and established an ACC freshman record with 3,123 total yards. The first freshman starter on opening day in Bowden's 26 seasons, Rix suffered his share of mistakes. Consequently,

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

SE 4 Anquan Boldin (Jr.)	81 P.K. Sam (So.)
ST 72 Brett Williams (Sr.)	70 Alex Barron (So.)
SG 54 Milford Brown (Sr.)	64 Matt Meinrod (Fr.)
C 52 Antoine Mirambeau (Sr.)	60 Andrew Henry-Kennon (Fr.)
TG 61 Montrae Holland (Sr.)	73 Bobby Meeks (So.)
TT 77 Ray Willis (So.)	79 Todd Williams (Sr.)
TE 82 Patrick Hughes (Sr.)	38 Paul Irons (So.)
QB 16 Chris Rix (So.)	5 Adrian McPherson (So.)
TB 6 Greg Jones (Jr.)	20 Nick Maddox (Sr.)
FB 29 P.J. Selvidio (Jr.)	36 Kentrell White (Sr.)
FL 87 Robert Morgan (Sr.)	21 Talman Gardner (Sr.)

Defense (8)

DE 90 Kevin Emanuel (Jr.)	55 Eric Moore (So.)
DT 45 Darnell Dockett (Jr.)	97 Tony Benford (Sr.)
NG 91 Jeff Womble (Jr.)	99 Travis Johnson (So.)
DE 48 Alonzo Jackson (Sr.)	59 Charles Howard (Jr.)
LB 9 Kendyll Pope (Jr.)	40 Allen Augustin (Jr.)
LB 42 Jerel Hudson (Sr.)	57 Robert May (Sr.)
LB 58 Michael Boulware (Jr.)	56 Ray Piquion (So.)
CB 10 Stanford Samuels (Jr.)	3 Malcolm Tatum (Jr.)
CB 7 Rufus Brown (Jr.)	8 Bryant McFadden (So.)
FS 41 Kyler Hall (So.)	18 Yohance Buchanan (Jr.)
Rov 27 Claudius Osei (So.)	23 Jerome Carter (So.)

Special Teams

K 47 Xavier Beitia (So.)
P 37 Chance Gwaltney (Sr.)
KR 1 Craphonso Thorpe (So.)
PR 31 Dominic Robinson (So.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Bobby Bowden	2001 Record (ACC): 8-4 (6-2)
2002 Prediction: 1st ACC	Doak Campbell Stadium (80,000)

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Raised with a pigskin pedigree, Texas quarterback Chris Simms knows the danger of putting ultimate goals in front of intermediate ones. So, while Simms acknowledges UT's dream destination is a trip to the Fiesta Bowl — site of this year's national championship game — his focus is on winning the Big 12.

"Anything short of winning a conference

Major Applewhite in the Big 12 title-game loss to the Buffs.

But Applewhite is gone, and Brown has complete confidence in his strong-armed left-hander. Simms is capable of putting up huge numbers. Sophomore Chance Mock has the skills to be an excellent collegiate quarterback, but he has yet to prove it on the field.

In Texas' history of standout tailbacks — Earl Campbell, Ricky Williams, etc. — no freshman has ever enjoyed a better season than Cedric Benson. Benson, who provides an excellent mixture of power and speed, rushed for 1,053 yards and 12 touchdowns. When he earned the starting role following the loss to OU, Texas' offense kicked it into another gear. Ivan Williams is a solid backup to Benson, while Matt Trissel is a punishing lead blocker at fullback.

Longhorn wideouts Roy Williams, B.J. Johnson and Sloan Thomas combined for 137 receptions for 1,810 yards and 16 scores in 2001. And the juniors just seem to be hitting their stride. If they continue to improve, the UT passing records will continue to fall.

Williams is a physical specimen who can make catches or blocks anywhere

on the field, while Johnson and Thomas can provide back-breaking big plays. And Texas' tight ends, Bo Scaife and Brock Edwards, also are exceptional receivers.

If there is a potential chink in Texas' offensive armor, it's probably up front. The Longhorns must replace three players who had a combined 91 starts. Seniors Derrick Dockery and Robbie Doane are outstanding returning starters, but newcomers to the starting lineup must hit the ground running. Tillman Holloway, who has 13 career starts, will probably settle in at one of the guard positions.

A primary reason the Longhorns led the nation in total defense in 2001 was the exceptional play of the defensive line. Leading the way is a pair of outstanding ends, Cory Redding and Kalen Thornton combined to register 101 tackles, including 25 for a loss and nine sacks last season. The Longhorns also return rugged run stopper Marcus Tubbs at tackle.

Outside linebacker Derrick Johnson finished second on the team with 83 tackles and capped his freshman season with nine tackles, a sack and an interception in the Holiday Bowl. Johnson is a powerful presence who is capable of shutting down one side of the field.

Inside, Reed Boyd, Aurmon Satchell and Eric Hall are promising and athletic. Senior Lee Jackson, who posted 86 tackles as the Horns' starting strong safety in 1999, could be the answer at strong-side linebacker.

Rod Babers, an excellent coverage cornerback, was voted Texas' most consistent defensive player last season. Nathan Vasher, who could play either strong safety or cornerback, is also an impressive playmaker, picking off a UT-record seven passes last season. The key for the secondary will be how Dakarai Pearson, Phillip Geiggar, Monti Collier and as many as four redshirt freshmen pan out.

Texas returns one of the nation's best young kickers in Dusty Mangum, who scored 102 points and connected on 16 field goals in 2001. Punter Brian Bradford is also back after a solid season (36.3-yard average, 24 kicks inside the 20), but he will be pushed by sophomore Justin Smith.



Chris Covatta

Cory Redding

title would be a major disappointment," Simms says.

With a roster full of stars and stars-to-be, Longhorns coach Mack Brown will be favored to claim his first-ever conference crown. But until that happens, "Fiesta Texas" is simply the name of a theme park in the Lone Star State, not the Horns' sole theme for the season.

470 Texas scored 470 points in '01, averaging a school-record 39.2 per game. With virtually every skill player returning, UT could be even more prolific in 2002.

In his first full season as a starter, Simms was often sensational, passing for 2,603 yards and setting a Texas record with 22 TD passes. His two toughest days, however, came on the biggest stages. In losses to Oklahoma and Colorado, Simms was responsible for a combined eight turnovers, and he was benched for

Depth Chart

Offense (9)

SE	4 Roy Williams (Jr.)	87 Kyle Shanahan (Sr.)
FL	82 B.J. Johnson (Jr.)	9 Sloan Thomas (Jr.)
LT	71 Robbie Doane (Sr.)	73 Jonathan Scott (Fr.)
LG	76 Derrick Dockery (Sr.)	74 Beau Baker (Sr.)
C	52 Jason Glynn (So.)	72 Will Allen (Fr.)
RG	61 Tillman Holloway (Jr.)	78 William Winston (Fr.)
RT	75 Lionel Garr (So.)	79 Alfio Randall (Sr.)
TE	80 Bo Scaife (Jr.)	84 Brock Edwards (Jr.)
QB	2 Chris Simms (Sr.)	5 Chance Mock (So.)
TB	32 Cedric Benson (So.)	26 Ivan Williams (Jr.)
FB	46 Matt Trissel (Sr.)	37 Will Matthews (So.)

Defense (5)

DE	40 Cory Redding (Sr.)	31 O.J. McClintock (Jr.)
DT	95 Marcus Tubbs (Jr.)	94 Miguel McKay (Sr.)
DT	96 Adam Doiron (Jr.)	65 Stevie Lee (So.)
DE	43 Kalen Thornton (Jr.)	41 Austin Sendlein (So.)
LB	23 Lee Jackson (Sr.)	45 Reed Boyd (Jr.)
LB	55 Aurmon Satchell (So.)	26 Eric Hall (Fr.)
LB	11 Derrick Johnson (So.)	30 Braden Johnson (Fr.)
CB	21 Rod Babers (Sr.)	27 Michael Huff (Fr.)
CB	28 Monti Collier (Jr.)	8 Cedric Griffin (Fr.)
FS	9 Dakarai Pearson (Jr.)	5 Kendal Briles (Fr.)
SS	3 Nathan Vasher (Jr.)	22 Phillip Geiggar (Jr.)

Special Teams

K	7 Dusty Mangum (So.)
P	14 Brian Bradford (Sr.)
KR	26 Ivan Williams (Jr.)
PR	3 Nathan Vasher (Jr.)

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BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Mack Brown 2001 Record (Big 12): 11-2 (7-2)
2002 Prediction: 1st Big 12 South Texas Memorial Stadium (80,082)

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After becoming the first coach in 53 years to win a National Championship in his first season, Larry Coker was already thinking about the historical implications of a second straight title. It won't be easy. Miami sustained especially big losses on the offensive line and secondary and saw its backfield depth depleted with a spring practice knee injury to Frank Gore, the team's top

suspended for 2002 after cheating incidents. But an appeal reduced the penalty, and Johnson will play. His size, strength and speed bring comparisons to Michael Irvin.

Kevin Beard is unspectacular, but steady. Beard and Ethenic Sands, the third-down receiver, take advantage of the underneath spaces. Jason Geathers' physical gifts are matched only by Johnson's among the receivers. Roscoe Parrish is little but lightning-fast.

Tight end Kellen Winslow II will share the position with David Williams. Williams is the better blocker, but the staff loves Winslow's athletic ability.

Three starters will have to be replaced from college football's best offensive line. The returnees are center Brett Romberg, a tough-nosed three-year starter, and left guard Sherko Haji-Rasouli, who is bouncing back from knee surgery. Ed Wilkins replaced Haji-Rasouli after the injury and will likely remain in the starting lineup at right guard. The two tackles will be first-time starters. Vernon Carey can be dominating, but weight problems have held him back. Carey seemed to get a handle on the weight issue last season.

Carlos Joseph, the younger brother of defensive tackle

William Joseph, is the line's best athlete but has virtually no experience.

If injuries hit, Romberg could move to guard and Joel Rodriguez would step in at center. Chris Myers, who has impressed with his toughness, will get playing time at guard. Depth at tackle is a major concern.

On the defensive front, the entire first- and second-team units return. The interior players are dominating run-stuffers and the ends are relentless against the pass. The best of the bunch is Joseph, a tackle who is unblockable one-on-one. He registered 10 sacks and 19 tackles for a loss last season.

Playing next to Joseph at right tackle is Matt Walters, undersized but smart and tenacious. Vince Wilfork looks like a blob but is cat-quick and a star in the making.

Miami has enough ends for three teams. Jerome McDougle stormed onto the scene last year, earning third-team All-America honors. Jamaal Green and Andrew Williams will share the job on the right.

The three linebackers who started the Rose Bowl — Jonathan Vilma, D.J. Williams and Howard Clark — are back. Williams, the weakside starter, is a superior athlete who spent last season adjusting to defense. He didn't make many big plays in 2001, but coaches expect that to change with a year's experience.

Vilma isn't flashy, but he's a solid tackler and is seldom out of position. Clark has settled in on the strongside after bouncing among the three spots early in his career.

No defensive back on the roster has ever started; only cornerback Alfonso Marshall has played important downs. Sean Taylor, a safety, has the speed to play cornerback and the size and hitting ability to fit in at linebacker. Taylor will be a terror for receivers crossing the middle. He's part of a three-man mix at safety that also includes Maurice Sikes and James Scott.

Marshall will man one corner spot while Antrel Rolle and redshirt freshman Kelly Jennings compete on the other side.

Miami may have the best kicker-punter tandem in college football. Kicker Todd Sievers led the nation in field goals made per game. Punter Freddie Capshaw was an exceptionally strong leg.



Allen Kee

Ken Dorsey

returning rusher. The schedule includes meetings with Florida, Tennessee and Florida State.

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Miami has won 22 straight games, the longest active streak in the nation.

Quarterback Ken Dorsey owns most of Miami's passing records. But the number he holds most precious: 26-1 as a starter. He doesn't have the strongest arm or best feet, but his leadership and decision-making are superb.

Gore's availability is unknown. The only other tailbacks on the roster are Willis McGahee, Jarrett Payton and Quadtrine Hill. With an impressive combination of size and speed, McGahee may be the most physically gifted runner ever at Miami. Payton has battled injuries and distractions.

Academics nearly did what opposing defensive backs couldn't do last season — stop receiver Andre Johnson. Johnson was initially

Depth Chart

Offense (4)

SE	5 Andre Johnson (Jr.)	3 Jason Geathers (Jr.)
FL	9 Kevin Beard (Jr.)	7 Ethenic Sands (Sr.)
LT	76 Carlos Joseph (So.)	61 Tony Tella (Fr.)
LG	74 Sherko Haji-Rasouli (Sr.)	67 Joe McGrath (Jr.)
C	66 Brett Romberg (Sr.)	70 Joel Rodriguez (So.)
RG	72 Ed Wilkins (Sr.)	77 Chris Myers (So.)
RT	60 Vernon Carey (Jr.)	64 Rashad Butler (Fr.)
TE	81 Kellen Winslow (So.)	82 David Williams (So.)
QB	11 Ken Dorsey (Sr.)	18 Derrick Crudup (So.)
FB	40 Kyle Cobia (So.)	23 Quadtrine Hill (Fr.)
RB	2 Willis McGahee (So.)	34 Jarrett Payton (Jr.)

Defense (6)

DE	55 Jamaal Green (Sr.)	99 Andrew Williams (Sr.)
DT	94 William Joseph (Sr.)	75 Vince Wilfork (So.)
DT	91 Matt Walters (Sr.)	56 Santonio Thomas (Jr.)
DE	95 Jerome McDougle (Sr.)	90 Thomas Carroll (Fr.)
LB	17 D.J. Williams (Jr.)	49 Darrell McClover (Jr.)
LB	51 Jonathan Vilma (Jr.)	44 Leon Williams (Fr.)
LB	45 Howard Clark (Sr.)	50 Roger McIntosh (Fr.)
CB	22 Kelly Jennings (Fr.)	6 Antrel Rolle (So.)
CB	25 Alfonso Marshall (So.)	37 Jean Leone (Fr.)
FS	26 Sean Taylor (So.)	29 James Scott (Sr.)
SS	36 Maurice Sikes (Jr.)	24 Marcus Maxey (Fr.)

Special Teams

K	16 Todd Sievers (Sr.)
P	13 Freddie Capshaw (Sr.)
KR	5 Andre Johnson (Jr.)
PR	9 Kevin Beard (Jr.)

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Head Coach: Larry Coker 2001 Record (Big East): 12-0 (7-0)
2002 Prediction: 1st Big East Orange Bowl (72,319)

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The Volunteers say they have "Unfinished Business" in 2002. Coach Phillip Fulmer's troops adopted the motto after falling one quarter short of beating LSU in the 2001 SEC Championship Game when a win would have earned a trip to the national title game. "Anything less than the National Championship this year is unacceptable," quarterback Casey Clausen says.

Receiver Kelley Washington is an imposing 6'4", 225-pounder with the ability to take over a game, as he did when he had 11 catches for a school-record 256 yards against LSU. Leonard Scott enters the fall as the starter opposite Washington. Scott has been a track star throughout his career, but he has yet to show he can catch the ball consistently.

Tight end Jason Witten is the No. 2 receiving option. Witten's 28 catches for 293 yards last season were the most by a Vol tight end in the Fulmer era.

UT lost two starters off the offensive line to the NFL, but seven returning linemen have starting experience. Tackle Will Offenheule is an aggressive run blocker, while the speed of guard Chavis Smith makes him effective on trap blocks. Scott Wells has proven reliable at center the past two years. Jason Respert has bounced back from the ankle injury that kept him out last year and brings toughness and athleticism. Michael Muñoz, a Freshman All-American in 2000, returns after sitting out 2001 with a knee injury. Muñoz will compete with Sean Young at left tackle.

Some bad news for Tennessee is that it lost four starters from last year's defensive line, including first-round draft picks John Henderson and Albert Haynesworth. The good news is the Vols have four seniors projected to start, and four others returning with starting experience. UT is solid at tackle with run stuffers Rashad Moore, Ed Kendrick, Demetris Veal and Aubrayo Franklin. Each, however, must work on his pass-rush. Omari Hand and Constantin Ritzmann are poised to take over at defensive end. Hand has shown flashes of big-play ability but has lacked consistency. Ritzmann is productive in pass-rush situations, but at 250 pounds he's one of the smaller ends in the SEC.

The last time the Vols' linebackers were this talented, the team won the 1998 National Championship. Eddie Moore quarterbacked the defense from the strong-side position. Moore led the Vols with 81 tackles despite playing with a shoulder injury requiring off-season surgery. Kevin Burnett can blitz or drop into coverage

from the weak-side, while headhunters Keyon Whiteside and Robert Peace are battling to start in the middle. Peace was running first team before suffering a fractured scapula in spring drills. Outside linebacker Tony Campbell is exceptional in passing situations.

In the secondary, two positions are locked entering fall drills: sticky cover man Jabari Greer at cornerback and third-year starter Rashad Baker at free safety. Once the Vols figure out how they'll use Julian Battle, the rest of the secondary will fall into place. Battle started at strong safety last season, but he also saw 272 snaps as a corner when Tennessee went to its six defensive backs package.

If Battle starts at strong safety, Willie Miles will get the nod at corner. Miles, who set a school record with a 4.27 40, is the final holdover that played in the 1998 title game victory over Florida State. Should Battle be moved to corner, it would mean either Steve Marsh or juco All-American Gibril Wilson would line up at safety. Marsh is a fierce hitter.

Reliable kicker Alex Walls enjoyed the best spring of his career, routinely connecting from within 50 yards. Punter Dustin Colquitt finished his freshman year strong.



Tim Clark/Athlon Sports

Casey Clausen

Clausen has matured to become a team leader. His maturation on the field allows UT to use its entire playbook. Clausen sets up well in the pocket and sees the entire field. He has a quick release and throws with good velocity.

13

Tennessee is one of four schools to appear in a bowl game each of the past 13 years.

A power ground game returns to Rocky Top with Cedric Houston (210 pounds), Troy Fleming (226) and Jabari Davis (232) in the backfield. Houston is a slasher with the speed to break off long runs. Davis and Fleming are bruising runners, and both can catch the ball out of the backfield. Tailback Derrick Tinsley gives UT a versatile threat that can run, catch or split out wide as a receiver. Fulmer says it's as deep as his backfield has been since Aaron Hayden, James Stewart and Charlie Garner lined up behind Heath Shuler in 1993.

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

WR 26 Leonard Scott (Sr.)	86 Montrell Jones (So.)
WR 15 Kelley Washington (So.)	81 Tony Brown (So.)
LT 77 Michael Muñoz (So.)	66 Sean Young (Jr.)
LG 63 Jason Respert (So.)	59 Victor McClure (So.)
C 64 Scott Wells (Jr.)	67 Chuck Prugh (Jr.)
RG 60 Chavis Smith (Jr.)	75 Anthony Herrera (Sr.)
RT 73 Will Offenheule (Sr.)	74 Richie Gandy (Fr.)
TE 1 Jason Witten (Jr.)	80 Sudan Ellington (Fr.)
QB 7 Casey Clausen (Jr.)	12 C.J. Leak (Jr.)
TB 21 Cedric Houston (So.)	34 Jabari Davis (So.)
FB 27 Troy Fleming (Jr.)	34 Jabari Davis (So.)

Defense (5)

DE 91 Omari Hand (Sr.)	90 Mondre Dickerson (Jr.)
DT 58 Rashad Moore (Sr.)	95 Demetris Veal (Sr.)
DT 99 Aubrayo Franklin (Sr.)	93 Edward Kendrick (Sr.)
DE 6 Constantin Ritzmann (Sr.)	46 Kariton Neal (So.)
LB 37 Eddie Moore (Sr.)	25 Tony Campbell (Jr.)
LB 50 Keyon Whiteside (Sr.)	41 Robert Peace (Jr.)
LB 2 Kevin Burnett (Jr.)	35 Jason Mitchell (Fr.)
CB 3 Willie Miles (Sr.)	22 Robert Boulware (Fr.)
CB 33 Jabari Greer (Jr.)	23 Corey Larkins (So.)
SS 14 Julian Battle (Sr.)	9 Steven Marsh (Sr.)
FS 16 Rashad Baker (Jr.)	10 Mark Jones (Jr.)

Special Teams

K	19 Alex Walls (Sr.)
P	47 Dustin Colquitt (So.)
KR	26 Leonard Scott (Sr.)
PR	16 Rashad Baker (Jr.)
(# Indicates number of returning starters BOLD indicates returning starters	

Head Coach: Phillip Fulmer	2001 Record (SEC): 11-2 (7-1)
2002 Prediction: 1st SEC East	Neyland Stadium (104,079)



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It seems strange, but Oklahoma considered last season a disappointment. Maybe that's the natural result when a National Champion returns its nucleus, and a reawakened fan base expects nothing less than another title.

Good news for Sooner fans: Oklahoma expects to be better this season. The Sooners have the ingredients to contend for another national title.



Tommie Harris

Fifteen starters return. An offense that had become sluggish has been tweaked. Despite the loss of All-Americans Roy Williams and Rocky Calmus, a dominant defense shouldn't drop off much. Add a softer schedule and the Sooners appear primed for success.

99.6 Oklahoma returns 99.6 percent of its total offense from the 2001 season. Of course, it's not like the Sooner offense was a juggernaut.

The Sooners were sparked in midseason by Jason White, who grabbed the starting quarterback job before a knee injury cut short his season. White didn't participate in full-contact drills during the spring, though coaches were impressed by his rapid recovery. They made it clear the job is White's to lose in August.

Nate Hybl hasn't been written off. He performed well during the spring and will get a

good look in August. After a redshirt season, newcomer Brent Rawls showed plenty of talent last spring.

In what has become an annual tradition, the Sooners spent the off-season looking for ways to improve a struggling ground game. New run game coordinator Kevin Wilson brought several wrinkles from the spread running game he directed at Northwestern. Quentin Griffin

has a knack for finding and hitting holes, then squirting away from defenders. He's also effective in the passing game, both in pass blocking and catching the ball out of the backfield.

OU hopes sophomore Mark Clayton, who emerged last season as a sticky-fingered go-to receiver, continues to develop, and that Antwone Savage and Curtis Fagan return to their 2000 form. The Sooners' most consistent threat last season was tight end Trent Smith, who led the nation's tight ends in receiving.

The young offensive line includes new two new starters and three players at new positions. Coaches predicted stardom for Vince Carter, but he was thrust into action too early as a true freshman at center last season. He held his own, though, and has gotten bigger and stronger.

Wes Sims moves from right tackle to left. Jammal Brown and Jerod Fields split time at right tackle last season when Sims was injured. Brown figures to start, but Fields has made impressive strides.

The defensive line was dominant by season's end, and the nucleus returns, starting with Tommie Harris. A starter last season as a freshman, when he recorded 17 tackles for a loss, Harris will be touted for All-America honors. But OU will rotate four starting-quality tackles. Kory Klein and Dusty Dvoracek are solid contributors. The addition of Lynn McGruder, who transferred from Tennessee, should make Harris even more effective.

Jimmy Wilkerson, a long, lean speedster, might be the Big 12's best defensive end. Dan Cody adds to the star quality. Wilkerson and Jonathan Jackson combined last season for 21 tackles for a loss and seven sacks.

Linebacker Teddy Lehman, who played

alongside Calmus last season, has moved from the middle to the weak side. Lehman's defensive back-like speed should add a new dimension. Highly touted junior college transfers Lance Mitchell and Pasha Jackson will fill the middle and strong-side positions, respectively.

Coaches are counting on free safety Brandon Everage, a hard-hitting ball of intensity, for leadership. Derrick Strait and Andre Woolfolk (a former receiver who split time on offense and defense last season) are clamp-down cornerbacks. And Antonio Perkins will split time at safety and cornerback; he might be the group's most physically talented player.

Eric Bassey is the leading candidate to fill Williams' role, a hybrid of strong safety and linebacker. Bassey's 4.36-second speed in the 40 led all Sooner defensive backs, but he's not as physical as Williams.

OU's steady kicking game was a hidden factor in its success the last two seasons. But kicker Tim Duncan and punter Jeff Ferguson are gone, leaving the Sooners searching.

Josh Roberts, a true freshman, will be given kicking duties in August. Ferguson's younger brother Blake transferred from North Carolina a year ago and will assume punting duties.

Depth Chart

Offense (8)

SE 9 Mark Clayton (So.)	81 Brandon Jones (So.)
FL 12 Curtis Fagan (Sr.)	29 Will Peoples (So.)
SL 6 Antwone Savage (Sr.)	41 John Connor (Sr.)
LT 60 Wes Sims (So.)	71 Jerod Fields (So.)
LG 70 Kelvin Chaisson (Fr.)	52 Chris Bush (Fr.)
C 50 Vince Carter (So.)	69 Brad Davis (Sr.)
RG 75 Mike Skinner (Sr.)	66 Jarrod Barclay (Jr.)
RT 55 Jammal Brown (So.)	62 Chike Ozumba (Sr.)
TE 88 Trent Smith (Sr.)	89 James Moses (So.)
QB 18 Jason White (Jr.)	8 Nate Hybl (Sr.)
TB 22 Quentin Griffin (Sr.)	47 Renaldo Works (Jr.)

Defense (7)

DE 80 Dan Cody (So.)	49 Jonathan Jackson (So.)
DT 93 Kory Klein (Jr.)	96 Lynn McGruder (So.)
DT 97 Tommie Harris (So.)	94 Dusty Dvoracek (So.)
DE 45 Jimmy Wilkerson (Jr.)	98 David Jones (Jr.)
LB 8 Pasha Jackson (Jr.)	36 Russell Dennison (Fr.)
LB 10 Lance Mitchell (Jr.)	37 Clint Ingram (Fr.)
LB 11 Teddy Lehman (Jr.)	56 Brandon Pryor (Sr.)
CB 17 Andre Woolfolk (Sr.)	28 Antonio Perkins (So.)
CB 2 Derrick Strait (Jr.)	21 Jowahn Poteat (Fr.)
SS 27 Eric Bassey (Fr.)	34 Matt McCoy (Jr.)
FS 7 Brandon Everage (Jr.)	19 Michael Thompson (Jr.)

Special Teams

K Josh Roberts (Fr.)
P 87 Blake Ferguson (So.)
KR 6 Antwone Savage (Sr.)
PR 12 Curtis Fagan (Sr.)

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Head Coach: Bob Stoops 2001 Record (Big 12): 11-2 (6-2)
2002 Prediction: 2nd Big 12 South Oklahoma Memorial Stadium (72,765)

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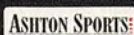
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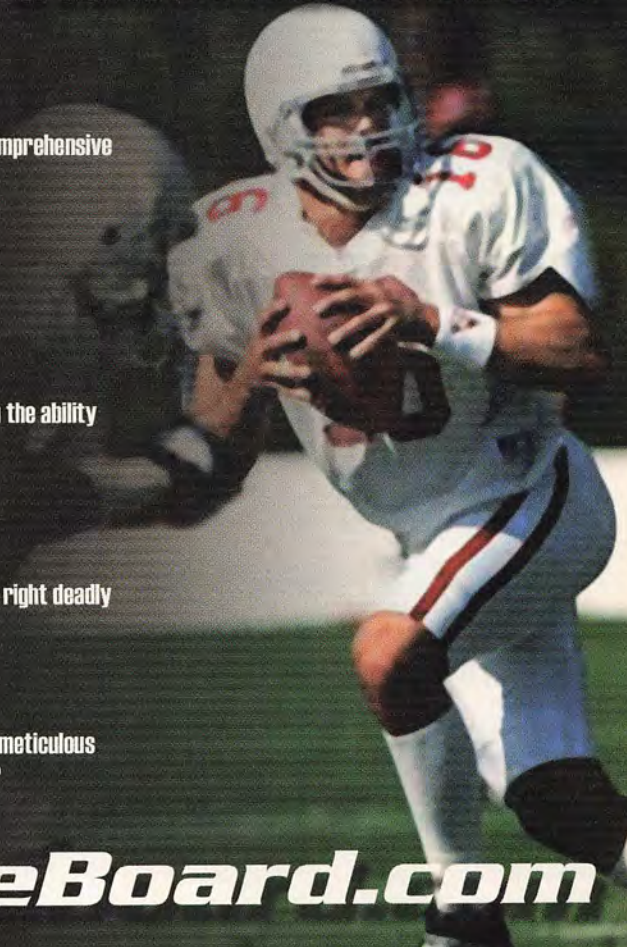
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Behind a potent offense, the Huskies expect to return to the Top 10 this season if weaknesses on the defensive front and in the secondary are resolved. "We played defense last year with a group of guys that was not up to the caliber that a top-ranked program, talent-wise, should play with," coach Rick Neuheisel says. "We have to play better defense for us to be championship caliber."

stronger running attack. His yards per carry average dropped from 6.2 as a freshman to 3.1 last year. If Alexis, a power runner, fails to respond, Braxton Cleman, Chris Singleton or freshmen Kenny James or Shelton Sampson could develop into the primary threat.

Zach Tuiaasopu switched to fullback from outside linebacker in an effort to bolster a position that rarely contributed last year.

Led by Reggie Williams, the Huskies boast one of the nation's top receiving corps. Williams has the speed, hands, fakes and leaping ability to catch passes against any defender, as he proved in the Holiday Bowl against Quentin Jammer of Texas.

Paul Arnold is only expected to get better in his second year as a receiver after a switch from running back. He runs as well after the catch as anyone.

The team received a blow with the spring suspension of Charles Frederick; it appears unlikely that he'll return. Wilbur Hooks could see a lot more passes.

The Huskies continually produce NFL prospects at tight end, and Joe Toledo appears to be the next one.

The offensive line is solid and deep this year. Khalif Barnes, Nick Newton, Elliott Zajac and Todd Bachert

appear to be better at pass blocking than run blocking, although the latter might improve this season. Andre Reeves or Robin Meadow could earn a starting spot. Dan Dicks and Bachert are the top candidates at center to replace Kyle Benn, a three-year starter.

By contrast, there's plenty of room for improvement on the defensive line, as the Huskies were last against the rush in the Pac-10 last year. With Larry Tripplett gone, someone needs to lead a revival of the defensive front. Josh Miller, Jerome Stevens, Terry Johnson, Junior Coffin and Tui Alailaleaula will need to become better run stoppers and pass rushers. Alailaleaula might have the most potential to become the leader of this group.

Freshman prospect Donny Mateaki could also break into the lineup.

Inside linebacker Ben Mahdavi led the Huskies in tackles, sacks and fumble recoveries last year and should play a similar

role. Marquis Cooper could become a big-play guy with his ability to get to the ball. Joseph Lobendahn might be the hardest hitter on the team. Kai Ellis, bothered by knee injuries last season, could rack up the sacks at outside linebacker with his strength and speed. Tyler Krambrink, Jafar Williams and Anthony Kelley bring speed as well. "The linebacking corps is as good as we've ever had," Neuheisel says.

The secondary is definitely an area where the Huskies need help, even though they return several players. Strong safety Greg Carothers hits as hard as anyone. Derrick Johnson, who missed last season with an ankle injury, and Eric Shyne, ineligible last year, could improve the play at cornerback. Returning cornerbacks Roc Alexander and Chris Massey have plenty of speed but struggle to find the ball at times. Jimmy Newell is the top candidate at free safety.

Fourth-year kicker John Anderson has a strong leg that puts him among the best in the nation. Punter Derek McLaughlin kicks as well as anybody in the conference and should have another strong year. Alexander shines in the return game, thanks to his speed. Freshman Nate Robinson could be another threat.



Don Lieb

Reggie Williams

Cody Pickett has the arm and leadership to take the Huskies to a championship, especially if he cuts down on his interceptions (14). With Pickett's ability to throw deep, he keeps the defense spread out. He showed his toughness by playing the second half of last season with a separated shoulder on his throwing arm while still putting up big numbers. Husky coaches cannot wait to see what Pickett can do if he stays healthy for a full season.

14

The current winning streak at Husky Stadium stands at 14. The Huskies play seven games there this season.

If Pickett, who had surgery on his shoulder in January, goes down, Taylor Barton has an accurate arm and a knowledge of the game that should keep the offense potent.

Tailback Rich Alexis needs to recover from a sophomore slump to give the Huskies a

Depth Chart

Offense (8)

WR 1 Reggie Williams (So.)	7 Wilbur Hooks (Sr.)
WR 20 Paul Arnold (Sr.)	Nate Robinson (Fr.)
WT 65 Khalif Barnes (So.)	71 Francisco Tipoti (Jr.)
WG 67 Nick Newton (Jr.)	79 Ryan Brooks (So.)
C 78 Dan Dicks (So.)	72 Todd Bachert (Jr.)
SG 75 Elliot Zajac (Sr.)	53 Aaron Butler (So.)
ST 73 Andre Reeves (Jr.)	68 Robin Meadow (Fr.)
TE 83 Joe Toledo (Fr.)	84 Kevin Ware (Sr.)
QB 3 Cody Pickett (Jr.)	12 Taylor Barton (Sr.)
TB 24 Rich Alexis (Jr.)	29 Braxton Cleman (Sr.)
FB 5 Zach Tuiaasopu (So.)	16 Adam Seery (Jr.)

Defense (5)

DE 99 Terry Johnson (Jr.)	56 Manase Hopoi (So.)
DT 59 Jerome Stevens (Jr.)	55 Tui Alailaleaula (So.)
NT 65 Josh Miller (So.)	92 Junior Coffin (So.)
LB 90 Kai Ellis (Sr.)	47 Anthony Kelley (Sr.)
LB 41 Ben Mahdavi (Sr.)	35 Tim Galloway (So.)
LB 88 Marquis Cooper (Jr.)	53 Joseph Lobendahn (So.)
LB 42 Tyler Krambrink (Jr.)	1 Jafar Williams (Sr.)
CB 21 Derrick Johnson (So.)	28 Chris Massey (Jr.)
CB 3 Roc Alexander (Jr.)	19 Eric Shyne (Fr.)
SS 34 Greg Carothers (Jr.)	27 Evan Benjamin (Fr.)
FS 26 Jimmy Newell (So.)	38 James Sims (Fr.)

Special Teams

K 15 John Anderson (Sr.)
P 17 Derek McLaughlin (So.)
KR 3 Roc Alexander (Jr.)
PR 3 Roc Alexander (Jr.)

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Head Coach: Rick Neuheisel	2001 Record (Pac-10): 8-4 (6-2)
2002 Prediction: 1st Pac-10	Husky Stadium (72,500)



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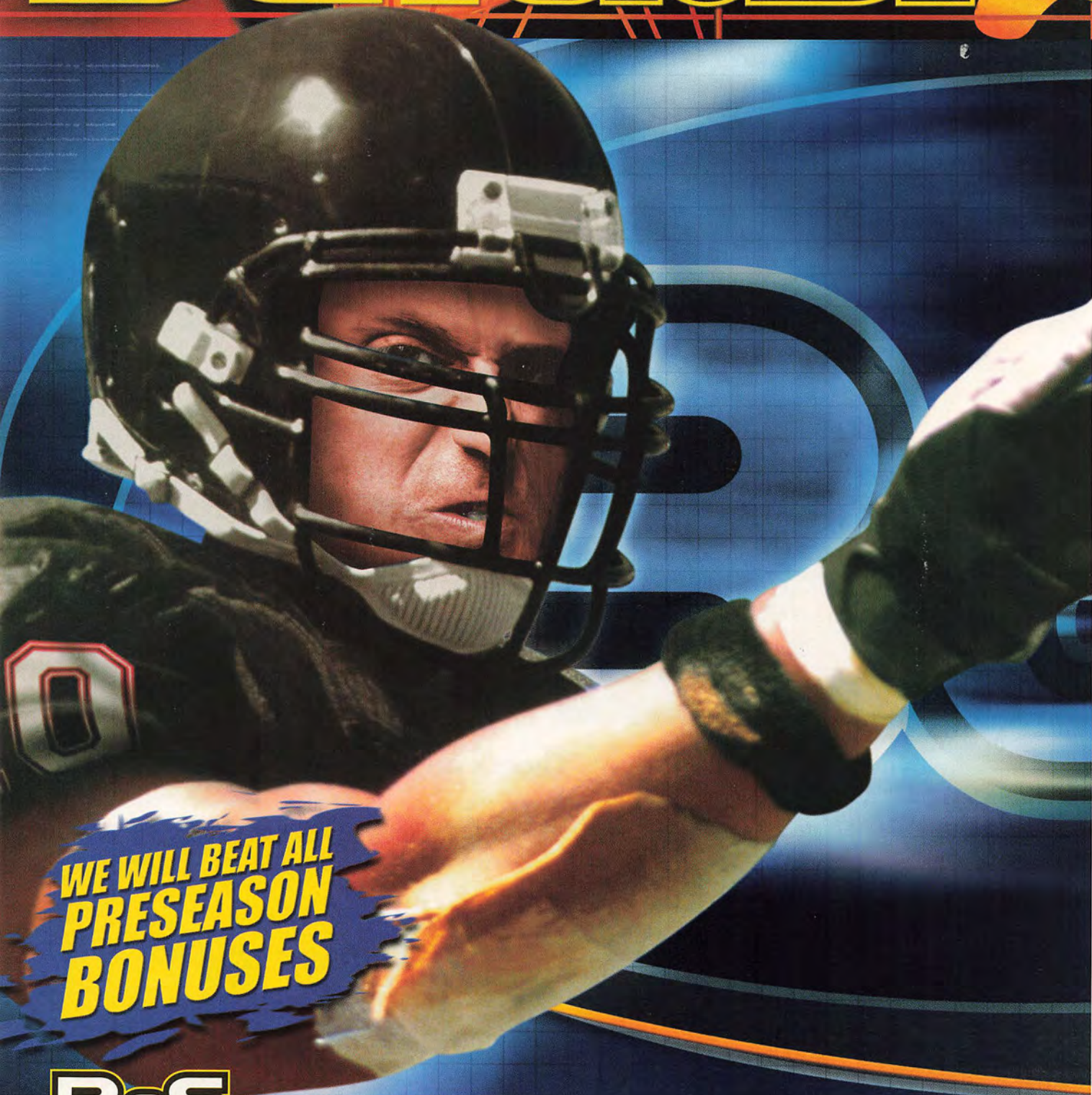


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So just where are Nick Saban and the LSU Tigers headed? To another SEC Championship? To a shot at a National Championship?

"We're headed into the unknown, into what I like to call the dark side of the moon," says the LSU coach. "It's the kind of climate that can create insecurity."

The man who steered LSU to its first con-

The new triggerman figures to be Matt Mauck, a 23-year-old sophomore who spent three seasons in the Chicago Cubs organization before enrolling at LSU. Mauck endeared himself to LSU fans everywhere last December when he came off the bench to replace an injured Davey and played well enough to win MVP honors in the Tigers' 31-20 upset of Tennessee in the SEC Championship game. Tossed into the fire in that game, Mauck displayed exquisite presence directing traffic as well as the quickness to run for a couple of crucial touchdowns.

Toefield spent the spring on a fast rehab track, and Saban feels he'll bounce back. In Domanick Davis, the Tigers have a capable backup who stepped in against the Vols in the conference title game to rush for 78 yards, then rushed for 122 and a Sugar Bowl-record four TDs against Illinois.

Michael Clayton had one of the best freshman seasons of any receiver in school history and teamed with Reed to form the No. 2 receiving tandem in the country. More than the numbers, it was the one-handed, over-the-shoulder grabs and the diving catches that made the 6'4" Baton Rouge native special.

Four players join Clayton in the rotation at receiver: steady, quick Jerel Myers; eager Reggie Robinson, sidelined by neck surgery last season; and new faces Shyrone Carey and Bennie Brazell. At tight end, Eric Edwards gets a chance to prove he's the man.

Center Ben Wilkerson was good enough to make the Freshman All-America second team last year. There are returning starters on the left side of the offensive line in Stephen Peterman and Rodney Reed. On the right side, success will hinge on how well Rob Sale, Brad Smalling and Kade Comeaux step up.

The defensive line is an area where Saban is banking on help from young bodies. Junior tackle Chad Lavalais was solid against the run and the pass, and Saban is expecting the same from sophomore end Marquise Hill, pegged as "a star of the future." Marcus Spears reported last year as a blue-chip tight end

but eventually wound up at defensive end. Remaining in the mix are seniors Kenderick Allen, who started the first six games last year, and Byron Dawson, who came on strong late last season.

Linebacker Bradie James decided to return for his final year of eligibility and becomes the anchor of the LSU defense, having been moved from outside linebacker to the middle. Jeremy Lawrence returns to his spot at strong-side linebacker while sophomore Lionel Turner and converted safety Adrian Mayes will battle for the weak-side position.

Another James, Damien, will be the anchor of a secondary deeper in talent than last season. James, who led the SEC in 2001 with five interceptions, will be playing free safety instead of cornerback. Strong safety Norman LeJeune and right corner Demetrius Hookfin both return, while sophomores Travis Daniels and Ronnie Prude will battle at left corner.

Placekicker John Corbello returns after kicking field goals of 45, 47 and 45 yards in the SEC Championship game. Punter Donnie Jones is back after averaging 43.7 yards during the regular season.



Courtland Richards

LaBrandon Toefield

ference title in 13 years has reason to be apprehensive. He lost yards and leadership with the graduation of quarterback Rohan Davey and with receiver Josh Reed's decision to toss his name into the NFL Draft. And that's without mentioning that his leading running back (LaBrandon Toefield rushed for just under 1,000 yards) will be returning after major knee surgery.

66

It has been 66 years since LSU repeated as SEC Champions. The Tigers won the title in 1935 and '36.

Don't worry about the Tigers, though. There's plenty of talent for another run at the West title.

"When you're going to war with a new quarterback," says Saban, "you'll always carry a question mark, but that only makes the challenge greater."

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

SE 14 Michael Clayton (So.)	3 Jerel Myers (Sr.)
FL 4 Reggie Robinson (Sr.)	2 Shyrone Carey (So.)
LT 60 Rodney Reed (Jr.)	76 Andrew Whitworth (Fr.)
LG 72 Stephen Peterman (Jr.)	64 Rudy Niswanger (Fr.)
C 55 Ben Wilkerson (So.)	73 Rob Sale (Sr.)
RG 73 Rob Sale (Sr.)	66 John Young (Sr.)
RT 74 Brad Smalling (Sr.)	70 Kade Comeaux (So.)
TE 47 Eric Edwards (Jr.)	82 David Jones (Fr.)
QB 18 Matt Mauck (So.)	16 Rick Clausen (Fr.)
RB 22 LaBrandon Toefield (Jr.)	31 Domanick Davis (Sr.)
FB 30 Solomon Lee (Sr.)	34 Kevin Stelz (Fr.)

Defense (7)

DE 54 Kenderick Allen (Sr.)	84 Marcus Spears (So.)
DT 96 Byron Dawson (Sr.)	98 Torran Williams (Jr.)
DT 93 Chad Lavalais (Jr.)	98 Torran Williams (Jr.)
DE 94 Marquise Hill (So.)	92 Bryce Wyatt (Jr.)
LB 56 Jeremy Lawrence (Sr.)	57 Dave Peterson (Sr.)
LB 11 Bradie James (Sr.)	99 Jason LeDoux (Jr.)
LB 58 Lionel Turner (So.)	7 Adrian Mayes (Jr.)
CB 33 Demetrius Hookfin (Sr.)	21 Randall Gay (Jr.)
CB 29 Travis Daniels (So.)	1 Ronnie Prude (So.)
FS 5 Damien James (Sr.)	8 Jack Hunt (Jr.)
SS 36 Norman LeJeune (Sr.)	37 Travis Moses (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 40 John Corbello (Sr.)
P 80 Donnie Jones (Jr.)
PR 31 Domanick Davis (Sr.)
KR 31 Domanick Davis (Sr.)

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Head Coach: Nick Saban 2001 Record (SEC): 10-3 (6-3)
2002 Prediction: 1st SEC West Tiger Stadium (91,600)

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No mutagenicity studies with triamcinolone acetonide have been performed.

In male and female rats, triamcinolone acetonide caused no change in pregnancy rate at oral doses up to 15.0 mcg/kg (approximately 1/2 of the maximum recommended daily intranasal dose in adults on a mcg/m² basis). Triamcinolone acetonide caused increased fetal resorptions and stillbirths and decreases in pup weight and survival at doses of 5.0 mcg/kg and above (approximately 1/5 of the maximum recommended daily intranasal dose in adults on a mcg/m² basis). At 1.0 mcg/kg (approximately 1/30 of the maximum recommended daily intranasal dose in adults on a mcg/m² basis), it did not induce the above mentioned effects.

Pregnancy: Teratogenic Effects: Pregnancy Category C. Triamcinolone acetonide was teratogenic in rats, rabbits, and monkeys. In rats, triamcinolone acetonide was teratogenic at inhalation doses of 20 mcg/kg and above (approximately 7/10 of the maximum recom-

mended daily intranasal dose in adults on a mcg/m² basis). In rabbits, triamcinolone acetonide was teratogenic at inhalation doses of 20 mcg/kg and above (approximately 2 times the maximum recommended daily intranasal dose in adults on a mcg/m² basis). In monkeys, triamcinolone acetonide was teratogenic at an inhalation dose of 500 mcg/kg (approximately 37 times the maximum recommended daily intranasal dose in adults on a mcg/m² basis). Dose-related teratogenic effects in rats and rabbits included cleft palate and/or internal hydrocephaly and axial skeletal defects, whereas the effects observed in the monkey were cranial malformations.

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Nursing Mothers: It is not known whether triamcinolone acetonide is excreted in human milk. Because other corticosteroids are excreted in human milk, caution should be exercised when **Nasacort AQ** Nasal Spray is administered to nursing women.

Pediatric Use: Safety and effectiveness in pediatric patients below the age of 6 years have not been established.

Corticosteroids have been shown to cause growth suppression in children and teenagers, particularly with higher doses over extended periods. If a child or teenager on any corticosteroid appears to have growth suppression, the possibility that they are particularly sensitive to this effect of corticosteroids should be considered.

ADVERSE REACTIONS

In placebo-controlled, double-blind, and open-label clinical studies, 1483 adults and children 12 years and older received treatment with triamcinolone acetonide aqueous nasal spray. These patients were treated for an average duration of 51 days. In the controlled trials (2-5 weeks duration) from which the following adverse reaction data are derived, 1394 patients were treated with **Nasacort AQ** Nasal Spray for an average of 19 days. In a long-term, open-label study, 172 patients received treatment for an average duration of 286 days. Adverse events occurring at an incidence of 2% or greater and more common among **Nasacort AQ**-treated patients than placebo-treated patients in controlled adult clinical trials were:

Adverse Events	Patients treated with 220 mcg triamcinolone acetonide (n=857) %	Vehicle Placebo (n=962) %
Pharyngitis	5.1	3.6
Epistaxis	2.7	0.8
Increase in cough	2.1	1.5

A total of 602 children 6 to 12 years of age were studied in 3 double-blind, placebo-controlled clinical trials. Of these, 172 received 110 mcg/day and 207 received 220 mcg/day of **Nasacort AQ** Nasal Spray for two, six, or twelve weeks. The longest average durations of treatment for patients receiving 110 mcg/day and 220 mcg/day were 76 days and 80 days, respectively. Only 1% of those patients treated with **Nasacort AQ** were discontinued due to adverse experiences. No patient receiving 110 mcg/day discontinued due to a serious adverse event and one patient receiving 220 mcg/day discontinued due to a serious event that was considered not drug related. Overall, these studies found the adverse experience profile for **Nasacort AQ** to be similar to placebo. A similar adverse event profile was observed in pediatric patients 6-12 years of age as compared to older children and adults with the exception of epistaxis which occurred in less than 2% of the pediatric patients studied.

Adverse events occurring at an incidence of 2% or greater and more common among adult patients treated with placebo than **Nasacort AQ** were: headache, and rhinitis. In children aged 6 to 12 years these events included: asthma, epistaxis, headache, infection, otitis media, sinusitis, and vomiting.

In clinical trials, nasal septum perforation was reported in one adult patient although relationship to **Nasacort AQ** Nasal Spray has not been established.

In the event of accidental overdose, an increased potential for these adverse experiences may be expected, but acute systemic adverse experiences are unlikely. (See **OVERDOSAGE**.)

OVERDOSAGE

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If Colorado coach Gary Barnett makes any bold preseason predictions this year, count on a drastic reduction in snickers. Last preseason, Barnett told the Big 12 media that his players expected nothing less than a berth in the Big 12 Championship game, and the Buffaloes delivered him a championship victory over Texas.

Perhaps even more meaningful, the Buf-

Ochs did have a slight problem with interceptions, but with a beefed-up receiving corps, that could be less of an issue now.

It's hard to find a better group of running backs than Chris Brown, Bobby Purify and Marcus Houston, who, along with the departed Cortlen Johnson, helped the Buffaloes rush for 228.5 yards per game last year. The Buffaloes still have three players capable of breaking the century mark — by halftime.

Brown has a linebacker's build, but with one fumble all of last year, a clock-maker's hands. Purify and Houston are also big backs with breakaway speed. Throwing his body in front of them again will be fullback Brandon Drumm.

Wide receiver D.J. Hackett arrives from the defunct Cal State-Northridge program having caught a touchdown in each of his last 13 games. He should combine with returnee Derek McCoy to make the Buffaloes receiving corps much taller.

Of much greater concern for CU is tight end, where Quinn Synniewski must replace Mackey Award winner Daniel Graham.

All the talk about CU's terrific triumvirate of tailbacks becomes moot if the line fails

to lace 'em up. Tackle Justin Bates, center Wayne Lucier and guard Marwan Hage started every game of 2001, with Bates grading out the highest of all five starters and Hage trailing only Andre Gurode in "domination" blocks. Former Oklahoma signee Clint Werth arrives after a stop in junior college, but he spent the spring recovering from knee surgery.

Defensive end Gabe Nyenhuis is a well-regarded transfer from Garden City (Kan.) Community College who practiced this spring. Dylan Bird was supposed to play for the Buffs last year, but sat out after administrative confusion over his grades. DeAndre Fluellen (three starts) and Brandon Dabdoub (seven starts) shared time at defensive tackle last fall, and both showed signs that they can clog the middle. Tyler Brayton, a starting end in 2001, has been moved inside to tackle.

Last year, linebacker Sean Tufts came up biggest in his team's biggest game,

when he notched a team-high 11 tackles in CU's victory over Nebraska. Now he's in his second year as a starter and ready to become a national name. Joey Johnson was crucial inside after Jashon Sykes went down last year, and now he tries his luck outside. Drew Wahlroos, last year's third-leading tackler with 72, swaps spots with Johnson.

The secondary was the Buffs' biggest concern in 2001, and they enter this season minus NFL-bound strong safety Michael Lewis, the defense's emotional center. Roderick Sneed, who made two starts at corner, will try to fill the void, while Medford Moorer mans the free safety spot.

Cornerback Donald Strickland is CU's returning leader in tackles, but he sat out the spring recovering from shoulder surgery. Phil Jackson showed grit in playing through injuries at the other corner but could be exposed on deep patterns. Freshman Sammy Joseph is among the highly regarded newcomers.

Punter Mark Mariscal's 44.5-yard average would have led the Big 12 and ranked sixth in the nation if he'd had enough attempts. The Buffaloes feel fine with Pat Brougham handling field goals, kickoffs and extra points.



Tim Jackson

Chris Brown

faloes finally beat a Nebraska team that had haunted them for a decade, and did so decisively. Their 62-36 victory was among college football's most memorable games last year.

Asked about a repeat, Barnett sounds less like Joe Namath this time, saying, "We certainly will be close to having the ability, the talent to do that."

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Colorado had two players rush for 100 yards or more in the same game three times in 2001.

Heralded quarterback Craig Ochs spent much of the second half of last season holding a clipboard, first because of injuries and then because replacement Bobby Pesavento played so well. Fans in Boulder still remember Ochs as the guy who dazzled with his arm and feet two years ago and who guided the Buffaloes to a 5-1 start in 2001 before getting hurt.

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

WR 80 Derek McCoy (Jr.)	85 John Donahoe (Jr.)
WR 88 D.J. Hackett (Jr.)	81 Jason Buriak (Sr.)
ST 77 Justin Bates (Sr.)	73 Clint O'Neal (Fr.)
SG 62 Marwan Hage (Jr.)	72 Drew Shader (Fr.)
C 78 Wayne Lucier (Sr.)	74 Ryan Gray (Sr.)
TG 76 Josh Foster (Sr.)	69 Karl Allis (Jr.)
TT 70 Rawle King (Sr.)	71 Clint Werth (Jr.)
TE 45 Quinn Synniewski (Jr.)	44 Beau Williams (Sr.)
QB 1 Craig Ochs (Jr.)	7 Robert Hodge (Sr.)
TB 22 Chris Brown (Jr.)	21 Marcus Houston (So.)
FB 33 Brandon Drumm (Sr.)	36 J.P. dZerega (So.)

Defense (7)

DE 92 Dylan Byrd (Sr.)	99 Tyler Brayton (Sr.)
DT 98 Brandon Dabdoub (So.)	94 DeAndre Fluellen (Jr.)
DT 99 Tyler Brayton (Sr.)	37 Vince Mitchell (Jr.)
DE 97 Gabe Nyenhuis (Jr.)	82 James Garee (Fr.)
LB 54 Sean Tufts (Jr.)	56 Aaron Killian (Sr.)
LB 16 Drew Wahlroos (Sr.)	9 Andrew Ward (Fr.)
LB 43 Joey Johnson (Sr.)	12 Kory Mossoni (Sr.)
CB 4 Donald Strickland (Sr.)	21 Lovell Houston (Sr.)
CB 6 Phil Jackson (Jr.)	28 Joe Swift (Sr.)
SS 26 Roderick Sneed (Sr.)	35 Omar Stewart (Sr.)
FS 17 Medford Moorer (Jr.)	38 Barry Kunkel (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 25 Pat Brougham (Sr.)
P 8 Mark Mariscal (Sr.)
KR 26 Roderick Sneed (Sr.)
PR 26 Roderick Sneed (Sr.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Gary Barnett
2001 Record (Big 12): 10-3 (5-1)
2002 Prediction: 1st Big 12 North
Season Total (\$0,942)

It was an off-season of change for the Michigan Wolverines, who saw very little good in an 8-4 season last year that included losses to Michigan State, Ohio State and an embarrassing 45-17 loss to Tennessee in the Citrus Bowl. Michigan had one of the poorest offenses in the Big Ten last season, so now there's a new offensive coordinator in Terry Malone, promoted from his position as offen-

ing threat was a main focus during the off-season. Depth will not be an issue, but the running game did take a hit when tailback Kelly Baraka was dismissed from the team.

B.J. Askew, the leading rusher a year ago, has been moved back to fullback because of his versatility as a rusher, receiver and blocker. Chris Perry will be the starter at tailback, but watch out for sophomore David Underwood, a strong back who runs low and is tough to bring down.

Marquise Walker is long gone, taking with him his 1,143 receiving yards from last season. No one else on the team was even close. Calvin Bell, who made a name for himself last season running reverses, could be a breakout player, and much is expected from Ronald Bellamy, one of the fastest players on the team. Tyrece Butler also should be a factor, but Braylon Edwards and Tim Massaquoi will push for playing time.

The youth movement apparently is on as far as the offensive line goes, and coach Lloyd Carr likes what he sees. Courtney Morgan and Adam Stenavich will compete for the left tackle job. Tony Pape, the starter at left tackle last season, will start at right tackle. David Baas is expected to start at left guard, and Matt Lentz could be the

For the first time in years, Michigan has depth in the secondary. Marlin Jackson, who missed spring practice due to ligament damage in his wrist, and Markus Curry should be the starting cornerbacks. Julius Curry, a starter at strong safety who missed much of last season with nerve damage in his shoulder and then missed spring practice because of shoulder surgery, will be a starter if healthy. But Charles Drake, who made nine starts at free safety in '01, had a superb spring and could start. Cato June began the 2001 season at free safety but switched to strong safety after Curry's injury.

The player to watch will be redshirt freshman Ernest Shazor, who at 6'4", 215 pounds is one of the biggest safeties Michigan has had in recent years. Shazor will see time at receiver in the two-minute offense.

Adam Finley was expected to be the punter, but Andy Mignery will compete for the job. Philip Brabbs likely will handle the placekicking, but he faces competition from Luke Perl and Troy Nienberg. On kickoff returns, Carr plans to try several players, including Jackson, Bell and Brandon Williams. Julius Curry is expected to resume punt return duties in the fall, along with his brother, Markus.



Ross Dettman

Victor Hobson

sive line coach. And the players went back to the weight room to beef up and find speed.

The likely starter at quarterback is John Navarre, the starter all last season. Criticized for being slow, Navarre dropped some weight in the off-season and increased his foot speed.

0-3

The Wolverines lost to rivals Michigan State and Ohio State and lost its bowl game (to Tennessee in the Citrus) for the first time since 1984.

But what needed work was his confidence. Navarre played well the first half of the season and had only two interceptions, but in the final six games, he threw 11 interceptions.

His primary competition is Spencer Brinton, a transfer from San Diego State. The lefthander has a strong arm but has been relatively untested.

Re-establishing Michigan as a potent rush-

starter at right guard. Dave Pearson, who moved from the defensive line during bowl practices, will compete with Andy Christopf for the starting job at center.

The veteran front four of Dan Rumishek and Shantee Orr at the ends and Norman Heuer and Shawn Lazarus at the tackles all return. "We're excited about the kind of defense we're going to have," Carr says. "In that front, you've got a lot of guys who are tough, who can move and who can hurt you." Rumishek led the team with seven sacks last season, Orr had six, and Heuer had five.

Victor Hobson is the only returning starter at linebacker now that Larry Foote and Eric Brackins are gone, but the Wolverines have developed considerable depth at the position. Scott McClintock and Lawrence Reid had superb springs and could very well be the inside linebackers. Zach Kaufman and Carl Diggs are the other challengers.

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

SE 19 Ronald Bellamy (Sr.)	9 Tyrece Butler (Jr.)
FL 27 Calvin Bell (Jr.)	80 Braylon Edwards (So.)
LT 62 Courtney Morgan (Jr.)	79 Adam Stenavich (Fr.)
LG 75 David Baas (So.)	73 Joe Denay (Sr.)
C 55 Andy Christopf (So.)	57 Dave Pearson (Jr.)
RG 67 Matt Lentz (Fr.)	76 Dave Petruziello (Sr.)
RT 77 Tony Pape (Jr.)	74 Demetrius Solomon (Jr.)
TE 83 Bennie Joppru (Sr.)	45 Phil Brackins (Jr.)
QB 16 John Navarre (Jr.)	7 Spencer Brinton (Jr.)
FB 35 B.J. Askew (Sr.)	32 Kevin Dudley (So.)
TB 23 Chris Perry (Jr.)	5 David Underwood (So.)

Defense (8)

DE 92 Dan Rumishek (Sr.)	13 Larry Stevens (Jr.)
DT 97 Shawn Lazarus (Sr.)	60 Grant Bowman (Jr.)
DT 90 Norman Heuer (Jr.)	60 Grant Bowman (Jr.)
DE 53 Shantee Orr (Jr.)	95 Alain Kashama (Jr.)
LB 6 Victor Hobson (Sr.)	42 John Spytek (Jr.)
LB 36 Scott McClintock (Fr.)	37 Zach Kaufman (Jr.)
LB 56 Lawrence Reid (Fr.)	43 Carl Diggs (Jr.)
CB 3 Marlin Jackson (So.)	21 Jeremy LeSueur (Jr.)
CB 30 Markus Curry (So.)	12 Brandon Williams (Sr.)
SS 26 Julius Curry (Sr.)	24 Charles Drake (Sr.)
FS 2 Cato June (Sr.)	25 Ernest Shazor (Fr.)

Special Teams

K 34 Philip Brabbs (Jr.)
P 39 Adam Finley (So.)
KR 3 Marlin Jackson (So.)
PR 26 Julius Curry (Sr.)

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Head Coach: Lloyd Carr 2001 Record (Big Ten): 8-4 (6-2)
2002 Prediction: 1st Big Ten Michigan Stadium (107,501)

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After being given the keys to the Florida football kingdom, Ron Zook's first order of business was to toss out the throne. Not that he ever planned to use it. Since being formally introduced as Steve Spurrier's replacement on Jan. 9, Zook hasn't sat still. Zook soon could discover his fans won't take losses sitting down, either. A bevy of returning skill players, including Heisman

running game under Zaunbrecher. "You know we're fired up about it," says senior Earnest Graham. "The linemen are definitely happy. They've been crying to run the ball like that for a while."

The same day Grossman announced he would return to school, senior receiver Taylor Jacobs did the same, establishing what could be the SEC's top passing tandem of 2002.

Behind Jacobs are at least five third-year receivers with breakthrough potential. At spring's end, in fact, the No. 2, 3 and 4 spots on the depth chart remained unclear.

Tight ends Aaron Walker and Ben Troupe, who teamed for 25 catches last season, also return.

The Gators must replace three starters on the offensive line. Junior Max Starks, last year's right tackle, replaces Mike Pearson at left tackle and lines up alongside classmate Shannon Snell, who started all 12 games at left guard last season.

The coaching staff spent most of the spring shuffling players in search of the best guard-tackle tandem opposite Starks and Snell. Senior center David Jorgensen, who has made 19 career starts, sprained his right ankle early in spring drills and ultimately lost his job to promising redshirt freshman Mike Degory.

Jonathan Colon gives Florida 300-pounders across the entire line.

A misconception about UF's defense is that it's thin up front. The fact is, the coaches had enough confidence in their depth to move promising tackle Ronald Dowdy to offense. Look for UF to start in a 4-3 alignment, but shift frequently to a three-man front to get more speed on the field. Ian Scott, who has evolved into one of the SEC's best run-stoppers, joins Tron LaFavor to form one of the league's best interior tandems.

On the edge, defensive end Bobby McCray enjoyed a breakthrough spring. The other starter could be former Freshman All-SEC choice Clint Mitchell, who was suspended twice in 2001 and can afford no more infractions.

When UF's top two middle linebackers went down with injuries in 2000, a trio of undersized freshmen stepped in — only to

get stepped on. This spring, that same trio — Travis Harris, Matt Farrior and Reid Fleming — waged a fierce battle for the starting job. Farrior, now over 230 pounds, won the job late in the spring, allowing coaches to move Harris outside to shore up depth. Seniors Mike Nattiel and Bam Hardmon remain the outside starters.

Of all the Gators' early departures for the NFL, cornerback Lito Sheppard's stings the least. Having stockpiled secondary talent in recent seasons, the defensive backfield remains solid. Depth abounds at every spot.

Fifth-year senior Robert Cromartie, who sat out all of 2001 after tearing a pectoral muscle, should replace Sheppard. Junior Keiwan Ratliff, who had two interceptions last season, likely will be the other first-teamer.

Todd Johnson, arguably the SEC's best free safety, returns with strong safety Guss Scott, whose 75 tackles led the defensive backs in '01.

No one will fill Jeff Chandler's kicking shoe, but Matt Leach and two walk-ons are vying for the chance to try. Leach, the incumbent at punter, appeared to have the inside track on the starting job at spring's end. Leach averaged 40.2 yards per punt in '01 but will most likely turn over the duties to junior Sean Morton.



Andy Lyons/Allsport

Rex Grossman

favorite Rex Grossman, must quickly digest a new system. UF faces arguably its most daunting schedule ever.

The 2001 Heisman runner-up, Grossman said he was "95 percent sure" he was bolting after Spurrier's sudden resignation. But Zook's enthusiasm and coordinator Ed Zaunbrecher's wide-open offense won him over.

55

Rex Grossman has tossed an NCAA Division I record 55 TD passes in his first two seasons.

Grossman enters the season as UF's only scholarship quarterback who has taken a snap in a game. Though redshirt freshman Ingle Martin made huge strides in the spring, questions remain whether he can do it in the fall. Incoming freshman Gavin Dickey may emerge as UF's next great one — but not in 2002.

The Gators will adopt a more diversified

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

WR 6 Taylor Jacobs (Sr.)	19 Matt Jackson (Jr.)
WR 11 O.J. Small (So.)	23 Carlos Perez (Jr.)
WR 80 Reggie Vickers (So.)	2 Kelvin Kight (Jr.)
LT 77 Max Starks (Jr.)	79 Bobby Williams (So.)
LG 75 Shannon Snell (Jr.)	67 Steven Bell (Jr.)
C 68 Mike Degory (Fr.)	70 Dewayne DuBose (So.)
RG 78 Jonathan Colon (So.)	60 Ronald Dowdy (So.)
RT 61 Mo Mitchell (So.)	72 Lance Butler (Fr.)
TE 82 Aaron Walker (Sr.)	84 Ben Troupe (Jr.)
QB 8 Rex Grossman (Jr.)	12 Ingle Martin (Fr.)
RB 5 Earnest Graham (Sr.)	33 Ran Carthon (Jr.)

Defense (5)

DE 57 Bobby McCray (Jr.)	50 Marcus Oquendo-Johnson (Sr.)
DT 98 Tron LaFavor (Sr.)	60 Bryan Savellio (Sr.)
NT 99 Ian Scott (Jr.)	65 Arpedge Rolle (Sr.)
DE 86 Darrell Lee (Jr.)	94 Clint Mitchell (Jr.)
LB 42 Byron Hardmon (Sr.)	48 Larry Kendrick (Jr.)
LB 43 Matt Farrior (Jr.)	40 Reid Fleming (Jr.)
LB 59 Mike Nattiel (Sr.)	27 Travis Harris (So.)
CB 25 Robert Cromartie (Sr.)	28 Marquis Westbrook (Sr.)
CB 1 Keiwan Ratliff (Jr.)	16 Vernell Brown (Fr.)
SS 9 Guss Scott (Jr.)	4 Cory Bailey (So.)
FS 26 Todd Johnson (Sr.)	21 Lester Norwood (Sr.)

Special Teams

K 14 Matt Leach (So.)
P 92 Sean Morton (Jr.)
KR 1 Keiwan Ratliff (Jr.)
PR 1 Keiwan Ratliff (Jr.)

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Head Coach: Ron Zook	2001 Record (SEC): 10-2 (6-2)
2002 Prediction: 2nd SEC East	Ben Hill Griffin Stadium (83,000)

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If you pay attention to Internet message boards, the Nebraska football program is at a crossroads and will be hard-pressed to continue its 33-year streak of winning at least nine games. The Huskers are fresh off their first two-game losing streak since 1990 and enter the 2002 campaign without Heisman Trophy winner Eric Crouch. This situation disturbs some in the Husker Nation.

that he is capable of making plays and creating something out of nothing. He has had to develop patience in the passing game, however, an area of concern.

Crouch's Heisman run overshadowed Dahrran Diedrick's accomplishments in his first season as the starting I-back. Diedrick led the Big 12 in rushing with 1,299 yards and 15 touchdowns. Thunder Collins is the

most versatile of the I-backs, a threat receiving and running. Even though he and Diedrick will play the majority of downs, Cory Ross and Marques Simmons, the fastest I-back, should work their way onto the field at some point.

Judd Davies is a do-it-all full-back but has been hampered by injuries throughout his career.

Split end Wilson Thomas nabbed 37 receptions for a position-record 616 yards and three touchdowns last fall. Thomas, who also plays basketball, has the size and athleticism to catch the ball in a crowd. Wingback Troy Hassebrook is an aggressive downfield blocker.

Aaron Golliday, Jon Bowling and Kyle Ringenberg provide a three-man rotation at tight end. Golliday can be a dominating blocker because of his size, but he has caught only five passes in three seasons.

The offensive line will be built around center John Garrison, who exceeded expectations in his first season as a starter. Dan Vili Waldrop, the only other returning starter, has trimmed down to hold onto his job. Wes Cody is the strongest of the linemen. Richie Incognito, who can play any of the line positions, will be a "brawler," says line coach Milt Tenopir.

The defense will be strongest in the line, with the return of three starters: rush ends Chris Kelsay and Demoine Adams and nosetackle Jon Clanton, who stepped in after Jason Lohr suffered a season-ending knee injury in the third game. The conference has granted Lohr a medical hardship, but there is still uncertainty regarding his physical status.

Kelsay has a mean streak when he puts on the pads. Clanton is among the most athletic linemen and has the speed to run down ball carriers.

Linebacking is a concern because of inexperience, with Shanle the only returning starter and the top returning tackler with 56. Barrett Ruud, a solid back-up as a true freshman, is penciled in at middle linebacker. T.J. Hollowell also plays fast at weak-side linebacker, where junior college transfer Demorrio Williams is expected to have an immediate impact.

DeJuan Groce, an All-America candidate, is set at one cornerback, but the loss of Willie Amos to a knee injury during a spring scrimmage creates uncertainty at the other. Lornell McPherson and Pat Ricketts have both started in nickel and dime alignments and will work in a rotation.

Philip Bland will play both free safety and rover, positions where the Cornhuskers expect to be two-deep, with Aaron Terpening, Jerrell Pippens and Lannie Hopkins.

Kyle Larson, the latest of Nebraska's talented walk-on punters, averaged 42.5 yards and pinned opponents inside the 20-yard line 21 times in 56 punts. Josh Brown struggled with consistency but settled down to earn the No. 1 placekicking job in competition with Sandro DeAngelis.



Tim Umphrey

Dahrran Diedrick

"I've got to shake my head when I hear people say that about this program," says strong-side linebacker Scott Shanle, who grew up in the state and began his career as a walk-on. "For people to doubt us, you take that to heart."

99

Nebraska allowed 99 points in its final two games, against Colorado and Miami.

Some concern is justified, with an untested quarterback, a rebuilt offensive line and a defense looking to regain confidence after the disastrous finish. But the nine-win streak should continue.

Quarterback Jammal Lord has taken only a handful of snaps over the past two seasons. Comparisons with Crouch are as unfair as they are unavoidable. Lord, who is bigger, lacks Crouch's explosive speed but has shown

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

SE	9 Wilson Thomas (Sr.)	81 Ben Cornelsen (Sr.)
LT	51 Richie Incognito (Fr.)	73 Scott Koethe (Sr.)
LG	78 Mike Erickson (So.)	72 Tim Green (Jr.)
C	52 John Garrison (Sr.)	79 Josh Sewell (Jr.)
RG	59 Wes Cody (Sr.)	55 Junior Tagoa'i (Jr.)
RT	68 Dan Vili Waldrop (Jr.)	67 Nate Kolterman (Sr.)
TE	99 Aaron Golliday (Sr.)	84 Jon Bowling (Sr.)
QB	10 Jammal Lord (Jr.)	16 Mike Stuntz (So.)
FB	4 Judd Davies (Jr.)	45 Steve Kriewald (So.)
IB	30 Dahrran Diedrick (Sr.)	1 Thunder Collins (Sr.)
WB	89 Troy Hassebrook (Sr.)	12 Dewayne Long (So.)

Defense (5)

RE	57 Chris Kelsay (Sr.)	92 Justin Smith (Sr.)
NT	55 Jon Clanton (Sr.)	59 Ryon Bingham (Jr.)
DT	94 Patrick Kabongo (Jr.)	97 Seppo Ewaraye (Fr.)
RE	98 Demoine Adams (Sr.)	88 Trevor Johnson (Jr.)
LB	43 Scott Shanle (Sr.)	47 Ira Cooper (So.)
LB	38 Barrett Ruud (So.)	90 Tony Tata (Sr.)
LB	7 Demorrio Williams (Jr.)	17 T.J. Hollowell (Jr.)
CB	5 DeJuan Groce (Sr.)	6 Rodney Burgess (Sr.)
CB	1 Lornell McPherson (So.)	28 Pat Ricketts (Jr.)
FS	31 Jerrell Pippens (Jr.)	21 Philip Bland (So.)
Rov	21 Philip Bland (So.)	2 Aaron Terpening (Sr.)

Special Teams

K	26 Josh Brown (Sr.)
P	19 Kyle Larson (Jr.)
KR	25 Josh Davis (Jr.)
PR	5 DeJuan Groce (Sr.)

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Head Coach: Frank Solich 2001 Record (Big 12): 11-2 (7-1)
2002 Prediction: 2nd Big 12 North Memorial Stadium (73,918)

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The Rose Bowl seems to have become a faint memory for the Trojans. The school that used to dominate the Pac-10 conference hasn't played in the granddaddy of the bowls since 1995. And it's been longer than that, all the way back to 1988, since USC was regarded as a serious national contender.

Pete Carroll made positive strides in his initial season on the job. And his first full recruit-

back-up spot with sophomore Matt Cassel, who might also play some tight end.

The hottest duel on the team is between Sultan McCullough and Justin Fargas for the tailback job. McCullough, the fastest player in school history, was sidelined most of last season with badly strained abdominal muscles. He has the speed, but not the instincts. Fargas, a highly touted prep star in the area, dazzled the coaches

while running for the scout team last year. Fargas solidified his edge with a big spring. Malaefou MacKenzie, the best pass catcher among the backs, figures in the mix, and sophomore Darryl Poston opened some eyes as well.

Receiver Kareem Kelly is like Palmer — breathtaking potential, but he has yet to enjoy a breakthrough season. The coaches would like to see a stronger work ethic and more precise routes. Kelly will start along with junior Keary Colbert, who caught 32 balls for a 12.6 average last season. Grant Mattos, Devin Pitts and D. Hale are the likely backups, with redshirt freshman William Buchanan a good bet to earn playing time.

Every offensive lineman but one returns from last season, but that's not necessarily a good thing. Senior guard Zach Wilson has started for

three years on the right side. Junior Lenny Vandermade, after making some steady progress at center, has been moved to guard. Junior Norm Katnik has started at three different positions and likely will slide into the center spot.

The incumbent tackles are juniors Jacob Rogers and Eric Torres, but they could be pushed by sophomore Joe McGuire, and by highly regarded freshmen Winston Justice and Kyle Williams, who have been described as "the bookends of the future." Unless USC's vets block better than they did a year ago, that future may be now.

The leaders of the defensive line are Shaun Cody and Kenechi Udeze, both of whom earned Freshman All-America recognition. Cody could develop into the best USC pass rusher since Junior Seau.

Junior Omar Nazel is the likely starter at end with Udeze, while Mike Patterson should open at tackle with Cody. Both Nazel and Patterson played well in spots.

The linebacking unit appears in much better shape now. Two starters return in Mike Pollard and Matt Grootegeod, a converted defensive back who distinguished himself before a broken leg ended his season.

The two incumbents will be joined by junior Chris Prosser, who started three games last season. Senior Aaron Graham will provide depth, but the player to watch is Melvin Simmons, a transfer from Washington State.

Strong safety Troy Polamalu is as gifted as any football player in the country at his position. A first-team All-American a year ago, Polamalu topped off his spectacular season with 20 tackles in the Las Vegas Bowl. "He's one of the best players I've ever coached," says Carroll.

Polamalu will be joined by free safety DeShaun Hill and cornerbacks Kevin Arbet, who is solid, and Darrell Rideaux, who needs to improve. Highly regarded freshman safety Darnell Bing could be a huge factor, but as of early summer, he had yet to qualify academically.

David Davis has established himself as a top-flight placekicker, converting 15-of-17 field goals. He was the most accurate kicker in the Pac-10. The punting is not as sound. Tom Malone figures to be the top candidate.



Peter Brouillet

Carson Palmer

ing class was a good one. But this team will have to improve dramatically to be considered a serious threat to challenge for the Pac-10 title.

222-TO-1

USC was outrushed 222-to-1 by Utah in the Las Vegas Bowl. Talk about an embarrassing way to spend Christmas Day.

Carson Palmer, a senior with the prototype NFL size and arm, has yet to become the dominant college quarterback everyone at USC envisioned. In his career with the Trojans, he has 39 TDs and 39 picks.

"Carson has made progress," says offensive coordinator Norm Chow. "I think I'm the fourth coach (offensively) he's had in four years. I want him to throw quicker, to make quicker decisions. He has had trouble with that."

Matt Leinart and Billy Hart, a couple of redshirt freshmen, are likely to battle for the

Depth Chart

Offense (8)

SE	2 Kareem Kelly (Sr.)	87 Grant Mattos (Sr.)
LT	77 Jacob Rogers (Jr.)	67 Phillip Eaves (Sr.)
LG	78 Lenny Vandermade (Jr.)	63 Travis Watkins (So.)
C	62 Norm Katnik (Jr.)	53 A.J. Single (So.)
RG	69 Zach Wilson (Sr.)	70 Spencer Torgan (So.)
RT	66 Eric Torres (Jr.)	76 Joe McGuire (So.)
TE	81 Alex Holmes (Jr.)	88 Doyal Butler (Sr.)
QB	3 Carson Palmer (Sr.)	10 Matt Cassel (So.)
FB	39 Sunny Byrd (Sr.)	34 Chad Pierson (Sr.)
TB	25 Justin Fargas (Sr.)	4 Sultan McCullough (Sr.)
FL	83 Keary Colbert (Jr.)	17 Devin Pitts (Jr.)

Defense (5)

DE	56 Omar Nazel (Jr.)	54 Anthony Daye (Sr.)
DT	99 Mike Patterson (So.)	93 Bernard Riley (Sr.)
DT	84 Shaun Cody (So.)	Fred Matua (Fr.)
DE	94 Kenechi Udeze (So.)	58 Austin Jackson (Fr.)
LB	45 Mike Pollard (Sr.)	36 Aaron Graham (Sr.)
LB	46 Matt Grootegeod (So.)	35 Lee Webb (So.)
LB	59 Chris Prosser (Jr.)	51 Melvin Simmons (Jr.)
CB	30 Kevin Arbet (Sr.)	40 Miguel Fletcher (Sr.)
CB	22 Darrell Rideaux (Sr.)	8 Marcell Allmond (Jr.)
SS	43 Troy Polamalu (Sr.)	27 Jason Leach (So.)
FS	5 DeShaun Hill (Sr.)	18 John Walker (Fr.)

Special Teams

K	48 David Davis (Sr.)
P	14 Tom Malone (Fr.)
KR	22 Darrell Rideaux (Sr.)
PR	30 Kevin Arbet (Sr.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Pete Carroll 2001 Record (Pac-10): 6-6 (5-3)
 2002 Prediction: 2nd Pac-10 Memorial Coliseum (92,000)

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Ohio State buckeyes

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RANKING

Jim Tressel continues to show he's a cool customer. In his debut season as Ohio State coach, Tressel posted a 7-5 record, which, of course, is never something to crow about in Columbus. Yet he continues to keep it all in perspective and gain support in his quest to build a championship program.

He also happens to go into the 2002 season with a little extra rope that was earned in a

Until things solidify at quarterback, look for the Buckeyes to spread the wealth on the ground. Lydell Ross is the most experienced returning tailback after gaining 406 yards as a 17-year-old freshman, but by no means is he a lock to hog the pigskin.

Freshman Maurice Claret showed he is the real deal in spring drills and there's no reason to hold him back, especially if you ask him. "I want to be the man every play, basically," he says.

OSU may also call on burner Maurice Hall, who broke the 4.3 mark in off-season workouts.

The receiving corps is a wealth of riches that figures only to be negated if the quarterbacks fail miserably. Wideout Michael Jenkins averaged more than 20 yards per catch thanks to the long ball last year. Chris Vance is a bona fide outside weapon who lines up with Jenkins, while Chris Gamble is nearly that class. Bam Childress, despite his 5'9" frame, also is ready to break out and show what he can do in the open field.

There was a glaring lack of depth on the offensive line last year and the situation is not remedied with LeCharles Bentley and Tyson Walter becoming NFL Draft picks. To make matters worse,

starters Shane Olivea and Adrien Clarke, who figure to line up on the left side, lost valuable preparation time in the spring while nursing injuries.

Also a bit troubling is the fact that projected right tackle Ivan Douglas is trying to return from a serious medical condition that kept him away from the field for more than a year.

It's a different story in the trenches on defense, where the Buckeyes can rotate in plenty of able bodies. Defensive tackle Tim Anderson came into his own last year and should be set for a monster season. Former end Kenny Peterson, who needs to turn on the lights for his senior year, will be the other tackle. Darrion Scott and Will Smith will be the ends; Smith is a star in waiting, and the wait may be over.

At linebacker, the Buckeyes are without captain Joe Cooper and Courtland Bullard, a draft pick of the St. Louis Rams. However, no one is too worried. Matt Wilhelm is back to man the middle

and Cie Grant, who in desperation was shifted to corner last year, is back at outside linebacker. On the strong side, Robert Reynolds is ready after paying his dues behind Bullard.

OSU may have the best safety tandem in the nation with Thorpe Award candidate Mike Doss at strong and the experienced Donnie Nickey at free. Doss is bucking to become just the seventh player in OSU history to be a three-time All-American. The glue to the defense, Nickey has 33 career starts to his credit.

The situation at corner is not nearly as good. With Grant shifted forward and Derek Ross in the NFL, OSU must look to natural safety Dustin Fox and the undersized (5'11", 178) Richard McNutt as starters. Harlen Jacobs is next in the pecking order and could unseat McNutt or allow Fox to play the nickel spot.

Punter Andy Groom was quite possibly the team's MVP last season. He averaged 45.0 yards per pop and also was adept at producing miserable field position for opponents. Mike Nugent has won the placekicking duties, but he needs to become reliable after a debut season in which he was admittedly nervous.



Joe Robbins

Mike Doss

win at Michigan in his rookie season.

The starter at quarterback may be Craig Krenzel by default. Krenzel endeared himself to Buckeye fans by piloting a win over Michigan in Ann Arbor last season in his first-ever start as a Buckeye, but he was underwhelming in the Outback Bowl loss to South Carolina and the ensuing spring season.

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Ohio State will play nine games inside its state borders this season, including a season-opening hosting of Texas Tech in the Pigskin Classic and a trip to Cincinnati.

Similarly built and a more impressive thrower, Scott McMullen doesn't possess the leadership skills or intangibles that Krenzel has.

Many fans believe true freshman Justin Zwick will seize the job at some point, but Tressel insists there is no master plan for Zwick just yet.

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

SE 12 Michael Jenkins (Jr.)	83 Chris Gamble (So.)
LT 71 Shane Olivea (Jr.)	79 Ryan Cook (Fr.)
LG 63 Adrien Clarke (Jr.)	70 Scott Kuhnheim (Sr.)
C 76 Alex Stepanovich (Jr.)	64 Adam Olds (Fr.)
RG 78 Bryce Bishop (Jr.)	50 Michael Stafford (Sr.)
RT 53 Ivan Douglas (Jr.)	62 John McLaughlin (So.)
TE 88 Ben Hartsock (Jr.)	80 Ryan Hamby (Fr.)
QB 16 Craig Krenzel (Jr.)	15 Scott McMullen (Jr.)
TB 30 Lydell Ross (So.)	28 Maurice Hall (So.)
FB 38 Brandon Joe (So.)	43 Brandon Schnittker (Fr.)
FL 4 Chris Vance (Sr.)	3 Bam Childress (So.)

Defense (7)

DE 56 Darrion Scott (Jr.)	75 Simon Fraser (So.)
DT 97 Kenny Peterson (Sr.)	95 David Thompson (Sr.)
DT 54 Tim Anderson (Jr.)	97 Kenny Peterson (Sr.)
DE 93 Will Smith (Jr.)	65 Steve Graef (So.)
LB 44 Robert Reynolds (Jr.)	36 Pat O'Neill (Jr.)
LB 35 Matt Wilhelm (Sr.)	46 Fred Pagac Jr. (Jr.)
LB 6 Cie Grant (Sr.)	36 Pat O'Neill (Jr.)
SS 2 Mike Doss (Sr.)	41 Thomas Matthews (So.)
CB 37 Dustin Fox (So.)	13 Harlen Jacobs (So.)
CB 11 Richard McNutt (Jr.)	1 Bobby Britton (Jr.)
FS 25 Donnie Nickey (Sr.)	26 Will Allen (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 85 Mike Nugent (So.)
P 18 Andy Groom (Sr.)
KR 28 Maurice Hall (So.)
PR 83 Chris Gamble (So.)

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BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Jim Tressel 2001 Record (Big Ten): 7-5 (5-3)
2002 Prediction: 3rd Big Ten Ohio Stadium (101,568)



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With nemesis Steve Spurrier off to the NFL, is this the season Georgia ends its 19-year title drought? It could be. The Bulldogs return nearly all of their offensive weapons from last season, including quarterback David Greene, SEC Freshman of the Year. Greene showed tremendous poise despite his youth and makes good decisions.

But coach Mark Richt has spent as much

Michael Cooper. Fullback J.T. Wall is a bruising blocker and capable short-yardage runner.

Georgia returns its top three pass catchers, but there isn't much depth. Fred Gibson might have been the nation's top freshman receiver last season and is a big target with enough speed to beat defenses deep. Terrence Edwards is accomplished, but he was held out of the starting lineup for three games last season for dropping passes. Damien Gary is another deep threat and the team's best runner after the catch.

Michael Johnson is a big possession receiver with good hands, and Reggie Brown is coming back from knee surgery. The Bulldogs are counting on an immediate contribution from freshman Mario Raley. Duke transfer Ben Watson is the team's strongest player and should play a bigger role after tight end Randy McMichael entered the draft.

The Bulldogs may start five seniors on the offensive line for the first time in more than four decades. Tackle Jon Stinchcomb is an All-America candidate and has quick feet. George Foster started eight games at tackle last season and could blossom into an NFL player. Guard Kevin Breedlove bounced back from a disappointing sophomore campaign, and Alex Jackson is a good run blocker if he controls his weight. Ian Knight battled Russ Tanner for the center job in the spring; both should play.

The defensive line has been ravaged by injuries and graduation, and noseguard David Jacobs was forced to give up football after suffering a stroke. Tackle Johnathan Sullivan has the potential to be one of the school's best. Ken Veal, Gerald Anderson and true freshman Darrius Swain will compete for time in the interior line. Freshmen Kedric Golston and Ray Gant could give the Bulldogs more options.

David Pollack compensates for his lack of size with quickness and strength and is a top candidate to start at end. Robert Geathers is battling Nic Clemons and Will Thompson at the other end position.

Middle linebacker Tony Gilbert is a very physical tackler and is the defensive unit's emotional leader. Strong-side linebacker Boss Bailey played well after com-

ing back from knee surgery and has good speed and cover skills. Junior Chris Clemons is the leading candidate on the weak side, but signee Marquis "Mudcat" Elmore could start.

Three secondary starters are gone, but Georgia will have more depth. Bruce Thornton should be better in his second season at cornerback. Decory Bryant has emerged as Georgia's best cover man and is aggressive in run support.

Four promising players fought for starting safety jobs in the spring. Strong safety Sean Jones is a converted quarterback, and Kentrell Curry left spring drills as the starting free safety. Thomas Davis and Greg Blue are hard hitters who will play a lot.

Senior Jonathan Kilgo is a leading Ray Guy Award candidate who averaged 43.8 yards per punt last season. Only 17 of his 42 punts were returned and he had eight punts of 50 yards or more. Billy Bennett struggled after a brilliant freshman campaign. He made only 17-of-25 field goals and had three blocked.

Gary averaged 12.5 yards per punt return and had a 72-yard return for a touchdown against Tennessee. Gibson was dangerous on kickoff returns, averaging 26.8 yards.



Tim Clark/Athlon Sports

David Greene

time trumpeting freshman D.J. Shockley, a prep All-American who redshirted last season. Shockley is much more mobile than Greene and has an equally strong arm. "David is our starting quarterback, but I think Shockley did well enough in the spring that we need to get him some playing time this fall," Richt says.

8-4

Mark Richt's 8-4 record in his first season was the best by a first-year Bulldogs coach since 1920.

The running game's hopes rest on the health of Musa Smith, who's struggled with a groin injury. When healthy, Smith is an explosive runner who makes tacklers miss.

Georgia doesn't have a lot of depth behind him. Redshirt freshman Tony Milton missed all of last season with an injured hamstring, and then had shoulder surgery before spring practice. Help might come from freshman

Depth Chart

Offense (8)

FL	8 Terrence Edwards (Sr.)	25 Michael Johnson (Jr.)
SE	18 Damien Gary (Jr.)	82 Fred Gibson (So.)
ST	71 George Foster (Sr.)	78 Jon Stinchcomb (Sr.)
SG	79 Alex Jackson (Sr.)	56 Ian Knight (Sr.)
C	56 Ian Knight (Sr.)	50 Russ Tanner (Fr.)
TG	70 Kevin Breedlove (Sr.)	64 Chris Hewitt (Jr.)
TT	78 Jon Stinchcomb (Sr.)	75 Kareem Marshall (Sr.)
TE	89 Ben Watson (Jr.)	84 Robert Brannon (Jr.)
QB	14 David Greene (So.)	3 D.J. Shockley (Fr.)
FB	49 J.T. Wall (Sr.)	37 Braxton Snyder (Sr.)
TB	32 Musa Smith (Jr.)	26 Mike Gilliam (So.)

Defense (5)

DE	90 Robert Geathers (So.)	58 Will Thompson (So.)
DT	57 Johnathan Sullivan (Jr.)	91 Shedrick Wynn (Jr.)
NT	96 Ken Veal (Jr.)	92 Gerald Anderson (Fr.)
DE	47 David Pollack (So.)	93 Nic Clemons (Sr.)
LB	45 Boss Bailey (Sr.)	87 Arnold Harrison (So.)
LB	42 Tony Gilbert (Sr.)	51 Odell Thurman (Fr.)
LB	48 Chris Clemons (Jr.)	55 Derrick Holloway (So.)
CB	22 Decory Bryant (Jr.)	27 Brandon Williams (Sr.)
CB	7 Bruce Thornton (Jr.)	33 Ryan Davis (Sr.)
SS	6 Sean Jones (So.)	29 Burt Jones (Sr.)
FS	4 Kentrell Curry (Jr.)	59 Thomas Davis (Fr.)

Special Teams

K	30 Billy Bennett (Jr.)
P	83 Jonathan Kilgo (Sr.)
KR	82 Fred Gibson (So.)
PR	18 Damien Gary (Jr.)

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Head Coach: Mark Richt
2002 Prediction: 3rd SEC East

2001 Record (SEC): 8-4 (5-3)
Sanford Stadium (86,520)

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Washington State cougars

NATIONAL
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RANKING

Washington State spent much of the 2001 season complaining that it was being overlooked in the Top 25 and BCS rankings. Now, before the 2002 season even begins, some of the Cougars are already prepared to log complaints about the rankings. Only this time, it's not the ranking slights, but the preseason hype that has them up in arms.

also possesses a strong enough arm to hit the deep routes.

"Jason Gesser is a playmaker, and he finds ways to move the chains and finds ways to get the ball down the field," says Washington coach Rick Neuheisel. "He will make you hold your breath all afternoon."

The Cougars, who lost Dave Minnich to graduation, signed three of the top junior college running backs available in Jermaine Green, Jonathan Smith and Lionel Arnold. During the spring, John Tippins and Green separated themselves from the rest of the running back corps. Tippins gets the tough inside yards. Green has 4.35 speed, a solid frame and turned the coaches' heads with his explosive running style this spring.

At wide receiver, the 6'6" Mike Bush has become adept at adjusting to the ball in the air. His size, jumping ability and quickness make him a difficult matchup. Double-teaming Bush won't be an option because of Jerome Riley, who was often an afterthought last season but could be the Cougar wide receiver with the most pro potential. Florida State transfer Devard Darling adds outstanding speed to the receiving corps, and senior Collin Henderson provides a reliable possession receiver.

The Cougars have one of the deepest and most experienced offensive lines in the Pac-10. Right guard Derrick Roche, an All-Pac-10 first-team selection last season, is the leader of a group that averages 6'6", 303 pounds. (The backups average 6'5", 294). This line is more accustomed to pass-blocking because of the schemes WSU runs, and each lineman flourishes in that role. Most of the sacks given up are coverage sacks.

Rien Long, an All-America candidate, joins juniors Tai Tupai and Jeremy Williams to comprise what is considered to be the best defensive tackle combination in the Pac-10. Senior Fred Shavies, along with juniors Isaac Brown and D.D. Acholonu, who led the Pac-10 in sacks last season, provide quickness on the edges.

The most pressing need on defense is

to find replacements for the four leading tacklers on last year's team — linebackers Raonall Smith and James Price and safeties Billy Newman and Lamont Thompson. Junior Al Genatone is the only experienced linebacker returning. He hasn't proven he has the ability to lead a defense, although he has locked down the weak-side assignment.

Junior college transfer Kevin Sperry and sophomore Pat Bennett will go into fall fighting over the middle linebacker spot. At the strong-side linebacker position, converted safety Ira Davis and freshman Will Derting will battle it out for a starting spot in the fall.

Cornerbacks Jason David and Marcus Trufant will be called upon to make more tackles. Trufant, a senior who has started 25 games in his career, is being touted as an All-America candidate. At the two safety positions, WSU will go with junior Erik Coleman, a proven commodity, and senior Virgil Williams, a huge question mark.

Junior placekicker Drew Dunning — 18-of-22 on field goals, including 4-of-4 in the Sun Bowl — was a Lou Groza semifinalist last year. Freshman Kyle Basler will take over as the punter.



Greg Hott

Marcus Trufant

"That's too high," quarterback Jason Gesser says of projections that place the Cougars as high as 15th. "To tell the truth, I want everybody to not rank us again. Let everybody doubt us and what we can do. That's the way this team likes it."

10

The Cougars have never had consecutive 10-win seasons. They were 10-2 in '01 after being picked 10th in the preseason Pac-10 poll.

Like it or not, the 2002 Cougars will have to deal with being labeled a contender in the Pac-10. That's what putting up a 10-2 record, winning the Sun Bowl and having a Heisman Trophy-contending quarterback will get you.

Gesser has become the prototype college quarterback. At 6'1", 200 pounds, the Hawaii native is quick enough to get around and through pursuing pass-rushers. But he

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

SE	5 Mike Bush (Sr.)	1 Devard Darling (So.)
LT	50 Josh Parrish (Jr.)	75 Sam Lightbody (So.)
LG	71 Billy Knotts (Jr.)	69 Phil Locker (Sr.)
C	52 Tyler Hunt (Sr.)	63 Mike Sheldorf (Jr.)
RG	77 Derrick Roche (Sr.)	76 Norvell Holmes (Fr.)
RT	67 Calvin Armstrong (So.)	78 Riley Fitt-Chappell (Fr.)
TE	40 Troy Bienemann (Fr.)	44 Mark Ahlberg (So.)
SB	88 Trandon Harvey (So.)	20 Marty Martin (Fr.)
QB	17 Jason Gesser (Sr.)	4 Matt Kegel (Jr.)
RB	25 John Tippins (Sr.)	30 Jermaine Green (Jr.)
FL	84 Jerome Riley (Sr.)	83 Collin Henderson (Sr.)

Defense (5)

DE	17 D.D. Acholonu (Jr.)	9 Isaac Brown (Jr.)
DT	97 Tai Tupai (Jr.)	95 Jeremy Williams (Jr.)
DT	88 Rien Long (Jr.)	99 Steve Cook (So.)
DE	6 Fred Shavies (Sr.)	98 Bryan Boyer (Fr.)
LB	48 Al Genatone (Jr.)	39 Wes Patterson-Aumua (Fr.)
LB	46 Pat Bennett (So.)	59 Kevin Sperry (Jr.)
LB	12 Ira Davis (Jr.)	58 Will Derting (Fr.)
CB	45 Marcus Trufant (Sr.)	36 Alex Teems (Fr.)
CB	29 Jason David (Jr.)	15 Karl Paymah (So.)
SS	24 Virgil Williams (Sr.)	41 Aaron Joseph (Fr.)
FS	27 Erik Coleman (Jr.)	26 Jeremy Bohannon (So.)

Special Teams

K	47 Drew Dunning (Jr.)
P	35 Kyle Basler (Fr.)
KR	27 Erik Coleman (Jr.)
PR	83 Collin Henderson (Sr.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Mike Price 2001 Record (Pac-10): 10-2 (6-2)
2002 Prediction: 3rd Pac-10 Martin Stadium (37,600)



Louisville cardinals

NATIONAL
16
RANKING

In 2001, Louisville football coach John L. Smith ran with the bulls. This fall, he'd love to see his team run with the big dogs.

A year after Smith used a short summer break to run with the bulls in the streets of Pamplona, Spain, he is gunning for more than a third consecutive Conference USA title. Booked for early games against Colorado State and Florida State, Smith would enjoy watch-

beats you with his arm, his legs, his mind and his grit. Although his touchdown to interception ratio of 50-to-18 the last two seasons is solid, Ragone would like to improve it. And he did much of his scrambling on a bad ankle or sore thigh.

"If you've got a guy like Dave Ragone at quarterback, you've got a chance to win any game you play," Smith says. "That's what Dave does for us. He always gives us a chance to win. I wouldn't trade him for any quarterback in the country."

Smith has already proven that U of L can win without having a ball-control runner because of Ragone's ability to make plays.

Still, the coach expects either T.J. Patterson, who had seven touchdowns and 576 yards last season, or Lionel Gates to develop into the kind of runner winning teams need near the goal line. Patterson is a better receiver, but Gates figures to break more long runs.

Deion Branch and Zek Parker, who caught 127 balls for 12 touchdowns between them last season, must be replaced at receiver. Smith plans to align the Cards in more two tight end-sets to utilize the pass-catching skills of Ronnie Ghent and Richard Owens,

who combined to score seven touchdowns last season. J.R. Russell, Damien Dorsey and Tiger Jones give Smith a solid blend of possession and deep receiving threats.

Smith expects solid offensive line play. He just isn't certain which eight players will be part of his rotation. That is why he was rotating guys over from the defensive line during spring drills as well as trying untested players at multiple positions. Look for center Dan Koons and guard Jason Weathers to anchor this untested unit.

When Smith arrived at Louisville, he expected to win games 52-31. This year he believes the Cards will be winning games 17-6. That's how much faith the coach has in his defense, especially the line. End Dewayne White, the C-USA Defensive Player of the Year, was nearly unblockable, rampaging for 23 tackles for a loss and 15 quarterback sacks. Improving Bobby Leffew could move from tackle

to the other end position and share time with Devon Thomas.

The Cards are so stacked across the front that returning starter Scott Lopez could lose his job to either Keeshan Lowe or Tyrone Saterfield.

The linebackers are the only defensive group to lose a starter from last season. But seniors Michael Brown and Chad Lee can run and knock you into last week. Brown has started since his freshman season, while Lee is a converted defensive lineman who excels at stopping the run. Look for Rod Day to expand his dazzling play on special teams to his spot at middle linebacker.

Safety Curry Burns has finished first and second on the team in tackles, respectively, the last two seasons. The other safety, Anthony Floyd, has 17 career interceptions, even though opposing teams stopped throwing to his area last season.

Cornerback Ronnie Gallishaw is one of the top cover guys in the league. He led the Cards with five picks last season, and defended 17 other passes. Josh Minkins and Chris Johnson return to split time at the other corner.

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

WR 82 J.R. Russell (So.)	81 James Taylor (Jr.)
WR 6 Damien Dorsey (Sr.)	87 Greg Tinch (Fr.)
WR 2 Tiger Jones (So.)	88 Victor Glenn (Jr.)
WT 69 Jason Hilliard (Jr.)	71 Chris Thigpen (Sr.)
WG 74 Jason Weathers (Jr.)	66 Jerry Spencer (Jr.)
C 68 Dan Koons (Jr.)	70 Will Rabatin (So.)
SG 59 Jason Spitz (Fr.)	64 Antoine Sims (Sr.)
ST 96 Travis Leffew (Fr.)	77 Brian Devine (Jr.)
TE 86 Ronnie Ghent (Sr.)	89 Richard Owens (Jr.)
QB 15 Dave Ragone (Sr.)	17 Stefan LeFors (So.)
RB 23 Lionel Gates (So.)	28 T.J. Patterson (Jr.)

Defense (10)

DE 99 Dewayne White (Jr.)	47 Jeremy Seguin (Fr.)
DT 48 Bobby Leffew (So.)	91 Keeshan Lowe (Sr.)
DT 90 Scott Lopez (Jr.)	93 Tyrone Saterfield (So.)
DE 95 Devon Thomas (Sr.)	56 Marcus Jones (So.)
LB 98 Chad Lee (Sr.)	54 Robert McCune (So.)
LB 40 Rod Day (Jr.)	49 James Greene (Jr.)
BAN 35 Michael Brown (Sr.)	30 Brent Johnson (Fr.)
CB 42 Ronnie Gallishaw (So.)	31 J.T. Haskins (Jr.)
CB 33 Chris Johnson (Sr.)	5 Josh Minkins (Jr.)
SS 12 Curry Burns (Sr.)	22 Jon Gannon (Fr.)
FS 24 Anthony Floyd (Sr.)	19 Kerry Rhodes (So.)

Special Teams

K 14 Nathan Smith (Jr.)
P 36 Wade Tydlacka (Jr.)
KR 24 Anthony Floyd (Jr.)
PR 24 Anthony Floyd (Jr.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: John L. Smith 2001 Record (C-USA): 11-2 (6-1)
2002 Prediction: 1st C-USA Papa John's Cardinal Stadium (42,000)



Joe Robbins

Dave Ragone

ing his Liberty Bowl champions get on an early roll and power their way into the Top 10. There is even talk about the Cards playing in a Bowl Championship Series game.

44

No team in the country has intercepted more than the 44 passes Louisville has swiped the last two seasons. This figure should swell with 10 defensive starters returning.

Make no mistake, this is Dave Ragone's football team — and football conference. All Ragone has done in the two seasons since he replaced Chris Redman as the U of L quarterback is win a pair of C-USA Offensive Player of the Year awards as well as a pair of league titles. Not bad for a lefthander who grew up in Cleveland and was essentially ignored by Big Ten schools.

Tough, relentless and determined, Ragone

At times last fall, it appeared as if Don Morton had returned to the University of Wisconsin sideline.

The defense, not long ago among the stingiest in the nation, was stout in a handful of games but ultimately proved to be absolutely helpless against quality quarterbacks. The bottom line: Wisconsin surrendered 28.8 points per game, the highest

games and parts of two others because of injury in 2001, he passed for 1,257 yards. His instincts as a runner, his ability to turn a broken play into a big gain, and his improved passing should make him the most dangerous quarterback in the conference. If Bollinger goes down, the Badgers can turn to Jim Sorgi, a pocket passer who excels throwing the deep ball. When Bollinger was sidelined last season, Sorgi passed for 1,096 yards and nine touchdowns.

Tailback Anthony Davis seems poised to improve upon his remarkable freshman season of 1,466 yards. His 133.2 per-game average was the No. 4 mark in the nation. Davis, the Big Ten Freshman of the Year, is strong, fast and durable.

Lee Evans set a Big Ten record with 1,545 receiving yards last year, put the NFL on hold to return for his senior season — and tore up his knee in the spring game. Sophomore Darrin Charles will have to pick up the slack. The 6'6" Charles should provide matchup problems because of his height and leaping ability. Remember this name: Bob Docherty. The sophomore tight end could be special.

All five O-line starters return, led by center Al Johnson and left tackle Ben Johnson, all-conference candidates and cousins. Sophomore left guard Dan Buenning garnered some Freshman All-America honors last season. Right tackle Jason Jowers sat out a grand total of nine snaps all season. At right guard, Jonathan Clinkscale and Calvin Barrett started six games apiece as redshirt freshmen.

Anttaj Hawthorne, a 6'3", 305-pound sophomore, will take over for graduated All-Big Ten defensive tackle Wendell Bryant. Hawthorne started three of the Badgers' final four games last season as a true freshman. The key to the line's development will be whether ends Darius Jones and Jake Sprague can remain healthy. Both players received medical redshirts in 2001. Erasmus James and Jonathan Welsh could be dangerous coming off the edge.

Jeff Mack is the lone returning linebacker starter, and he should be more

effective now that he has been shifted back inside. Kareem Timbers, who saw limited action on the inside last season, has been moved to the outside, the ideal position for the former high school defensive back.

Scott Starks is virtually a lock to start at field cornerback. He was thrust into the starting lineup for the final 10 games as a freshman last season and displayed remarkable tenacity and resilience after getting beaten deep. Physically gifted B.J. Tucker is fighting to start at boundary corner. Robert Brooks, who showed promise as a nickel back last season, has been moved to free safety and seems like a natural. Dontez Sanders switched from wide receiver to strong safety and has shown toughness that returning starter Michael Broussard lacked last season.

Scott Campbell, a junior college All-American, is expected to handle both kickoffs and field goals. His leg strength should lead to more touchbacks, which will help the defense. And if he can handle the pressure of making a game-tying or game-winning field goal, the coaches will be ecstatic. Burly R.J. Morse, who played on the line in high school, should again handle the punting duties.



Al Koolstra

Anthony Davis

average since 1989, Morton's final season as head coach at Wisconsin. The special teams, a critical element on the 1998 and 1999 Rose Bowl championship teams, proved to be vulnerable and volatile from Week 1 to Week 12 and cost the Badgers in several games.

6 Wisconsin won the time of possession battle in just six games last season.

Yet after suffering through his first losing season since 1995 at 5-7, Barry Alvarez believes his 13th season in Madison will usher in a return to the high standards of play to which Big Ten foes have grown accustomed. With the Big Ten race expected to be wide open again, anything seems possible.

The Badgers arguably possess more talent and experience at quarterback than any team in the conference. Brooks Bollinger is 22-7 as a starter, and despite missing all of three

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

FL 84 David Braun (Sr.)	1 Byron Brown (Jr.)
SE 87 Darrin Charles (So.)	11 Travann Hayes (So.)
LT 64 Ben Johnson (Sr.)	75 Morgan Davis (So.)
LG 67 Dan Buenning (So.)	66 Andy Ulrich (So.)
C 72 Al Johnson (Sr.)	53 Donovan Raiola (Fr.)
RG 50 Jonathan Clinkscale (So.)	58 Calvin Barrett (So.)
RT 56 Jason Jowers (Sr.)	61 Mike Lorenz (So.)
TE 48 Bob Docherty (So.)	85 Tony Paciotti (So.)
QB 5 Brooks Bollinger (Sr.)	19 Jim Sorgi (Jr.)
RB 28 Anthony Davis (So.)	20 Jerone Pettus (So.)
FB 37 Russ Kuhns (Sr.)	39 Erik Bickerstaff (Sr.)

Defense (3)

DE 99 Jake Sprague (Sr.)	90 Erasmus James (Jr.)
DT 94 Anttaj Hawthorne (So.)	89 Jesse Mayfield (Jr.)
DT 74 Jason Jefferson (So.)	97 Nick Cochart (Jr.)
DE 98 Darius Jones (So.)	92 Jonathan Welsh (So.)
OLB 34 Kareem Timbers (So.)	44 Jerron Smith (So.)
LB 46 Jeff Mack (Jr.)	47 Howard Boye-Doe (So.)
LB 48 John Gillen (Fr.)	30 Kyle McCorison (Jr.)
CB 2 Scott Starks (So.)	26 Johnny Sylvain (Fr.)
CB 23 B.J. Tucker (Sr.)	13 Brett Bell (So.)
FS 5 Robert Brooks (So.)	21 Ryan Aiello (Jr.)
SS 8 Michael Broussard (Jr.)	14 Dontez Sanders (Fr.)

Special Teams

K	Scott Campbell (Jr.)
P	19 R.J. Morse (So.)
KR	20 Jerone Pettus (So.)
PR	20 Jerone Pettus (So.)

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Head Coach: Barry Alvarez 2001 Record (Big Ten): 5-7 (3-5)
2002 Prediction: 3rd Big Ten Camp Randall Stadium (76,634)

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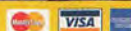
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Virginia Tech replaces 13 starters, in many cases with players who were way, way, way down the depth chart in '01. It's the most change in the two-deep in years.

"It's not like your backups are just moving up to become starters," Tech coach Frank Beamer says. "We're going down to the next level. We have some serious questions."

Grant Noel's biggest problem last season

Tech has tinkered with ways to get two tailbacks on the field. There will be plenty of carries for both, and the Hokies may have a pair of 1,000-yard rushers this season.

Doug Easlick takes over for four-year starter Jarrett Ferguson at fullback.

Gone is André Davis, Tech's marquee receiver for the last three seasons, and the left-overs are all unproven. The Hokies are counting on Ernest Wilford to finally have a breakout season. He's big, he's fast, he works hard. He's also had problems catching the ball.

Shawn Witten has good hands but lacks speed to be a deep threat. Richard Johnson probably has the most potential at the position. Terrell Parham had his moments (14 catches). He needs to have more. Fred Lee has finally qualified and could play immediately.

Tech rotates its tight ends and uses them primarily for blocking. Keith Willis and Jared Mazzetta figure to step in for Browning Wynn and Bob Slowikowski.

Center Jake Grove looks tiny in the middle of the line. He's not, but he'll be the only starter under 300 pounds.

Guard Luke Owens and tackle Anthony Davis are experienced; guard James Miller and tackle Jon Dunn

are new starters. Tech's line play was inconsistent last season. Having Suggs back will help. He doesn't need long to find a hole and get through it.

Rotating defensive ends Jim Davis, Cols Colas, Lamar Cobb and Nathaniel Adibi are impressive. Colas and Davis combined for 18 stops behind the line last season.

Tech was cleaned out at tackle, losing its top five. Kevin Lewis figures to take one spot. His brother Jonathan could take the other. Junior college recruit Jimmy Williams will be part of the tackle package.

Vegas Robinson is by far the most experienced linebacker at Tech, and he was in for all of 78 plays last season. He distanced himself from the field with an excellent showing in the spring. Mikal Baaqee figures to be his partner inside, but undersized Alex Markogiannakis will be a factor. Blake Warren put himself in the picture with a solid spring.

Outside linebacker Mike Daniels played well after his late-season move from the secondary. He's small for the position, but he's a strong pass defender and hard hitter outside.

Free safety Willie Pile is outstanding as a hitter as well as a leader. He was second in tackles last season and tops in interceptions (four). His field awareness is exceptional, which makes him ideal for his position. He's rarely fooled. The rover spot (strong safety) will probably go to senior Billy Hardee.

DeAngelo Hall and Ronyell Whitaker will man the corners. Hall was one of the Big East's top freshmen last season and had a trio of interceptions. Whitaker was an All-Big East choice who loves to talk as well as hit. He was burned badly several times in the Gator Bowl; Tech often leaves its corners in single coverage.

Punter Vinnie Burns came in with a lot of promise and delivered only a 37.8-yard average. He did pin 20 inside the 20, but he was often slow to get the ball away.

Kicker Carter Warley was inconsistent after a strong freshman season. He missed 10 of his 21 field goal tries and did not make a kick outside 40 yards. Tech used Jon Mollerup to kick off and take pressure off Warley's bad back.



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Kevin Jones

was that he had to follow Michael Vick. His biggest problem this year will be coming back from a torn anterior cruciate ligament, an injury suffered on the final day of spring practice. He wants to rehabilitate without surgery. Noel was awful against Miami (five turnovers), solid the rest of the season.

9 Virginia Tech has been to nine straight bowl games dating back to the 1993 Independence Bowl.

Backup Bryan Randall vows to be ready if Noel is unable to return, and he looked much improved in the Hokies' spring game.

The backfield is loaded. Lee Suggs rushed for 1,207 yards and 27 touchdowns in 2000. He's back after suffering a season-ending knee injury in the 2001 opener. In his absence, Kevin Jones rushed for 957 yards and became the Big East's Rookie of the Year.

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

SE 19 Ernest Wilford (Jr.)	9 Terrell Parham (Sr.)
FL 26 Shawn Witten (Sr.)	12 Richard Johnson (So.)
LT 57 Anthony Davis (Sr.)	61 Reggie Butler (Fr.)
LG 76 James Miller (So.)	59 Curtis Bradley (Fr.)
C 64 Jake Grove (Jr.)	68 Robert Ramsey (So.)
RG 74 Luke Owens (Sr.)	66 Will Montgomery (Fr.)
RT 79 Jon Dunn (So.)	60 Jacob Gibson (Jr.)
TE 86 Keith Willis (Jr.)	85 Jared Mazzetta (So.)
QB 11 Grant Noel (Sr.)	14 Bryan Randall (So.)
FB 43 Doug Easlick (Jr.)	42 Josh Spence (So.)
TB 22 Lee Suggs (Sr.)	7 Kevin Jones (So.)

Defense (4)

LE 83 Nathaniel Adibi (Jr.)	99 Cols Colas (Jr.)
LT 70 Kevin Lewis (So.)	Jonathan Lewis (Fr.)
RT 92 Mark Costen (Jr.)	Jimmy Williams (Jr.)
RE 28 Lamar Cobb (Sr.)	95 Jim Davis (Jr.)
LB 31 Mike Daniels (So.)	48 Brandon Manning (So.)
LB 45 Mikal Baaqee (So.)	39 Alex Markogiannakis (Sr.)
LB 6 Vegas Robinson (Jr.)	40 Blake Warren (Fr.)
FC 2 Ronyell Whitaker (Sr.)	1 Eric Green (Jr.)
BC 4 DeAngelo Hall (So.)	17 Garnell Wilds (Jr.)
FS 35 Willie Pile (Sr.)	8 Vincent Fuller (So.)
Rov 25 Billy Hardee (Sr.)	21 Michael Crawford (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 49 Carter Warley (Jr.)
P 38 Vinnie Burns (So.)
KR 12 Richard Johnson (So.)
PR 2 Ronyell Whitaker (Sr.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Frank Beamer 2001 Record (Big East): 8-4 (4-3)
2002 Prediction: 2nd Big East Lane Stadium (64,000)



North Carolina State wolfpack

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RANKING

This much is certain: the 2002 NC State Wolfpack should have no trouble scoring points. Chuck Amato's team features one of the nation's top returning quarterbacks in Philip Rivers. "Philip's still a puppy, believe it or not," says Amato. "We do know what he can do, but he can get so much better."

Complementing Rivers will be a host of talented wide receivers and raw, gifted running

returning rusher with any real experience, and even that was limited as he carried the ball just 26 times last season for 105 yards. Amato has Jackson penciled in as the starter at tailback, at least until McLendon — who set a national high school record with 178 career touchdowns — gets settled in Raleigh. "Tailback could become a battle," Amato says.

Chance Moyer, a converted defensive lineman, is likely to start at fullback.

NC State features a dangerous corps of pass catchers. Leading the way is senior Bryan Peterson, who has been a sure-handed contributor throughout his Wolfpack career. The Pack entered last year with no "big-play" receiver, but Jericho Cotchery became that guy. That role will probably be his again in 2002, though a bevy of talented young receivers — Sterling Hicks, Jeremy Mebane and Dovonte Edwards — will see significant time.

Rivers won't have his safety valve from the past two seasons — the reliable Willie Wright, an All-ACC tight end. Sean Berton will compete with Joe Gray for the starting nod.

The Pack's offensive line returns just two starters. The right side will be anchored by returning starting tackle Chris Colmer, while the left tackle

spot will go to local product Scott Kooistra, who was limited in spring due to a pulled hamstring. In order to fill in the gaps, Amato moved defensive tackle Sean Locklear over to right guard and defensive end Shane Riggs over to left guard. Jed Paulsen replaces Derek Green at center.

Senior George Anderson, who recorded 10 tackles for a loss last season, will anchor the Pack's defensive line at one end. He will be severely tested by Terrance Chapman, who led NC State in sacks in 2001 with seven. Drew Wimsatt is the likely starter at the other defensive end spot, but he will be pushed by Shawn Price.

The tackle spots will go to Terrance Martin, who started every game for the Pack last season, and Jerick Hall.

NC State faces the task of replacing linebackers Levar Fisher and Brian Jamison, two anchors on the defense the past three years. They combined for 223 tackles in 2001.

The focal point of the linebacking corps will be middle linebacker Dantonio Burnette, a passionate, undersized player who has recorded over 100 tackles in each of his three seasons.

Avery Gibson and Roger Pollard are in a battle for the start at strong-side linebacker, while Freddie Aughtry-Lindsay is the top candidate to take over on the weak side.

The secondary lost just one player, the steady Brian Williams, to graduation. All-ACC performer Terrence Holt will lead the way from his free safety position. Last season, Holt finished third on the team with 104 tackles.

Senior rover Julius Patterson became a starter just last season, but has played at least six games each season.

At left corner, Lamont Reid and Marcus Hudson will battle it out. The right side will feature a duel between Greg Golden and J.J. Washington. Promising receiver Troy Graham was moved into the secondary in the spring.

Austin Herbert began last season handling both the punting and kicking duties, but a sprained ankle opened the door for Adam Kiker, who made 13-of-14 field goals. They will compete for kicking duties this fall; Herbert is expected to be the punter again.

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

FL	82 Jericho Cotchery (Jr.)	14	Dovonte Edwards (So.)
LT	75 Scott Kooistra (Sr.)	77	John McKeon (Fr.)
LG	50 Shane Riggs (Sr.)	60	Ashley Wingate (Jr.)
C	53 Jed Paulsen (So.)	61	Brandon Sanders (Jr.)
RG	94 Sean Locklear (Jr.)	79	Brook Payne (Jr.)
RT	70 Chris Colmer (Jr.)	58	Brian Archis (Fr.)
TE	89 Joe Gray (Sr.)	3	Sean Berton (Sr.)
QB	17 Philip Rivers (Jr.)	10	Jay Davis (Fr.)
FB	49 Chance Moyer (So.)	15	John Ritcher (Fr.)
TB	25 Cotra Jackson (Sr.)		T.A. McLendon (Fr.)
SE	2 Bryan Peterson (Sr.)	85	Sterling Hicks (So.)

Defense (6)

DE	99 Drew Wimsatt (Sr.)	56	Shawn Price (Sr.)
DT	90 Terrance Martin (Sr.)	42	Brian Cross (Fr.)
NT	93 Jerick Hall (Sr.)	76	Ricky Fowler (Jr.)
DE	34 George Anderson (Sr.)	11	Terrance Chapman (Sr.)
LB	37 Avery Gibson (So.)	39	Roger Pollard (Jr.)
LB	45 Dantonio Burnette (Sr.)	46	Corrie Dawson (So.)
LB	31 Freddie Aughtry-Lindsay (So.)	47	Pat Thomas (So.)
ROV	32 Julius Patterson (Sr.)	36	Andre Maddox (So.)
FS	9 Terrence Holt (Sr.)	8	Victor Stephens (Jr.)
CB	1 Marcus Hudson (So.)	28	Lamont Reid (So.)
CB	22 Greg Golden (So.)	41	J.J. Washington (Jr.)

Special Teams

K	21 Adam Kiker (Jr.)
P	30 Austin Herbert (Jr.)
KR	28 Lamont Reid (So.)
PR	2 Bryan Peterson (Sr.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Chuck Amato	2001 Record (ACC): 7-5 (4-4)
2002 Prediction: 2nd ACC	Carter-Finley Stadium (51,500)



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Philip Rivers

backs. State should have little trouble eclipsing last year's average of 27.3 points per game.

The question is, though, can the Pack stop anybody?

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Junior Philip Rivers has already set the NC State record with six 300-yard passing games.

Heading into his third season, Rivers is on pace to shatter most NC State passing records. Rivers' decision-making has made up for his lack of speed so far, and that will have to continue with redshirt freshman Jay Davis pushing him for playing time. Amato says that Davis — the former high school All-American who turned heads with his play with the scout team — will get an opportunity.

Amato is anxious to see what freshman running back T.A. McLendon can do on the collegiate level. But Cotra Jackson is the only

Ron McBride's favorite word is "adversity." The Utah coach loves challenges, negative opinions and gloomy forecasts. Everything worked in his favor last season when the Utes were picked to finish sixth in the Mountain West Conference.

"The more adversity, the more I like it," says McBride, entering his 13th season.

But McBride won't have a gloomy forecast

He will face more challenges from Ryan Breska and Brett Elliott in August as he enters his junior season.

Rice is efficient, except for an annoying tendency to fall short in key situations. He reversed that trend with a clutch completion that helped the Utes run out the clock against USC in the 10-6 Las Vegas Bowl win.

Rice has experience and leadership skills, but Breska or Elliott may overtake him in the middle of his career.

Junior college transfer Brandon Warfield will arrive in August, looking to take over at tailback for Adam Tate and Dameon Hunter, who combined for more than 2,200 yards last season. Marty Johnson will also have a chance at tailback. He gained 95 yards (67 on one play) in the opening game against Utah State, then was lost to a rib injury.

At fullback, Brandon Bliss is back from a knee injury, and walk-on Sione Havili will be available in August.

Split end Josh Lyman, a former walk-on, caught 36 passes for 582 yards and five touchdowns last season. Devin Houston will have to make more of an impact at flanker now that Cliff Russell

is gone. Junior college transfer Larry Miles is expected to play right away.

The Utes are well-stocked at tight end, with Matt Hansen, J.D. Jorgensen and JC transfer Ben Allison.

Opposing coaches said the Utes had the most physical offensive line they faced all season; Utah rushed for 218 yards per game and allowed only five sacks — tying Miami for the fewest in the country. The Utes will station Jordan Gross and Sean Souza at the tackles, after Souza played guard last year. The center is dependable junior Dustin McQuivey, leaving the only questions at guard. Utah has profited by moving linemen from defense to offense in recent years, and guard candidates Chris Kemoeatu and Tevita Vakalahi both fit that description.

Defensive tackle Garrett Smith and noseguard Lauvale Sape combined for 24 tackles behind the line last year. At end, Josh Savage became a playmaker, and

Jason Kaufusi, with 12 tackles for loss in 2001, should be much more effective after playing last season with a shoulder that required surgery.

At rover, Sheldon Deckart needed surgery on an ankle and a shoulder in the off-season, not that opponents noticed anything wrong with him. Deckart made 13 tackles for a loss and had five sacks. Brooks Bahr is solid at the other outside linebacker spot. Sophomore middle linebacker Zach Tune has been described as a rising star for two years.

Safeties Antwoine Sanders and Arnold Parker call themselves "ASAP" — they get things done in a hurry. They ranked second and third on the team in tackles, and Sanders picked off four passes. Bo Nagahi or redshirt freshman Antonio Young will have to develop quickly at one corner, across from converted running back D'Shaun Crockett.

Utah's special teams were nothing special in 2001. Brian Lewis was a dependable punter, averaging 40.2 yards. Having gone several years without a decent kicker, the Utes are bringing in junior college transfer Ford Hall, who kicked three field goals of 50 yards or longer last season.



Matt Brown

Jason Kaufusi

to rely on this year. How the Utes will react to higher expectations is among the key issues for 2002. They return eight starters from a dominant defense and have the makings of another powerful offensive line.

6 Utah's three conference losses in 2001 were by a total of six points, with the Utes wasting fourth-quarter scoring chances in each case.

McBride endorsed adding Michigan to the Ute schedule, giving himself more of a challenge in September: Indiana, Arizona and Michigan in consecutive weeks.

"If we come out of the front part of the schedule in good shape, it sets us up for the rest of the year," McBride says.

Lance Rice has started Utah's last 14 games at quarterback, which meant only that he was asked to earn the job again in spring practice.

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

WR 27 Josh Lyman (Sr.)	15 Larry Miles (Jr.)
WR 7 Devin Houston (Sr.)	12 Justin Walterscheid (So.)
LT 69 Jordan Gross (Sr.)	70 Makai Aalona (So.)
LG 68 Chris Kemoeatu (So.)	79 Jesse Boone (Fr.)
C 53 Dustin McQuivey (Jr.)	57 Max Petersen (So.)
RG 72 Tevita Vakalahi (Sr.)	66 Kasey Jackson (Sr.)
RT 62 Sean Souza (Jr.)	76 Thomas Herrion (Jr.)
TE 89 Matt Hansen (Jr.)	10 Ben Allison (Jr.)
QB 16 Lance Rice (Jr.)	19 Ryan Breska (Jr.)
TB 1 Marty Johnson (Sr.)	5 Brandon Warfield (Jr.)
FB 29 Brandon Bliss (Jr.)	44 Sione Havili (So.)

Defense (8)

DE 44 Josh Savage (Jr.)	65 Al Johnson (Sr.)
NG 97 Lauvale Sape (Sr.)	94 Steve Fifita (Fr.)
DT 63 Garrett Smith (Sr.)	90 Sione Pouha (So.)
DE 86 Jason Kaufusi (Jr.)	52 Marcus Jones (Sr.)
LB 13 Zach Tune (So.)	6 Ray Holdcraft (Jr.)
Rov 54 Sheldon Deckart (Sr.)	43 Jeremy Lyman (Sr.)
LB 51 Brooks Bahr (Sr.)	93 Corey Dodds (So.)
CB 32 D'Shaun Crockett (Sr.)	28 Steven Smith (So.)
CB 22 Bo Nagahi (So.)	2 Antonio Young (Fr.)
FS 4 Antwoine Sanders (Jr.)	35 Dave Revill (Jr.)
SS 17 Arnold Parker (Jr.)	10 Anthony White (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 23 Ford Hall (Jr.)
P 14 Brian Lewis (Sr.)
PR 25 Morgan Scalley (So.)
KR 31 Desmond Davis (Sr.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Ron McBride	2001 Record (MWC): 8-4 (4-3)
2002 Prediction: 1st MWC	Rice-Eccles Stadium (45,634)

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RANKING

If Michigan State ever had a turning-point season, this is it. Spartan fans have waited a long time to see a pass-catch combination like Jeff Smoker and Charles Rogers. With a soft schedule and improved depth, it will be disappointing if the Spartans are not in title contention. But they must overcome question marks at tailback and in the pass rush to do it. Smoker enjoyed a sizzling finish last season,

job will be tougher if the Spartans can't support him with a solid running game and other receiving threats. The Spartans' other threats were behind schedule in spring practice. Ziehl Kavanaght had some productive scrimmages, but lacked consistency, while B.J. Lovett is still learning. Youngsters Robert Strickland and Ben Steckler ooze potential.

Eric Knott heads a deep cast of young, talented tight ends. They will see the ball.

The Spartans return seven players with starting experience on the offensive line, although each has struggled to achieve consistency. Center Brian Ottney is an All-Big Ten candidate. The right side of the line is athletic with William Whitticker and Steve Stewart. Whitticker needs to improve his strength. Stewart is solid. Left tackle Ulish Booker had equal numbers of good and mediocre performances. He missed the spring after undergoing minor knee surgery, and is being pushed by Stefan Wheeler, an impressive youngster. The competition between Joe Tate and Paul Harker, who have 18 starts between them, will yield a quality left guard. The line is probably a year away from its best football.

Michigan State has no seniors on the defensive line and will start at least two sophomores. However, it will not take a miracle for the line to become a force. Defensive tackle Kyle Rasmussen is a contender for league honors. His partner, Kevin Vickerson, was pressed into duty last year as a true freshman and showed some potential. Matthias Askew, the top young defensive lineman in the program, started as a true freshman before being lost to an injury. He is capable inside or outside.

At defensive end, Greg Taplin has eight career starts but only one sack. The coaches like Clifford Dukes' speed, and Darrell Hamilton is the fastest defensive end, but lacks size and strength. Dominick Brown is a force and appears to have a positive attitude for the first time.

Strong-side linebacker Mike Labinjo is powerful and excitable. He had five sacks and 16 tackles for a loss as a novice. He worked to improve his pass rush skills in the spring. On the weak-side, Ronald

Stanley started all 12 games as a true freshman and made some mistakes. He can run and hit, and should be a future standout. Small but energetic Monquiz Wedlow can be effective.

In the middle, Seth Mitchell, a punishing prospect, will replace the graduated Josh Thornhill. After the top four, Michigan State is dangerously thin at linebacker.

The Spartans have excellent man-to-man ability at cornerback with Cedric Henry and Broderick Nelson. Henry is back after missing a year due to academics. A second-team All-Big Ten performer in 2000, he is a hungry difference-maker. Nelson had five picks and backup Roderick Maples clinched the Silicon Valley Classic by intercepting Fresno State's David Carr. Physical DeMario Suggs is expected to get a sixth year of eligibility and bring seven career starts to the nickel defense.

Strong safety Thomas Wright was honorable mention All-Big Ten. Robert Flagg started at free safety as a true freshman but is pushed by former starting corner Jason Harmon.

The punting game is a huge question mark. Dave Rayner, who has a live foot, was just 7-of-13 in field goal attempts. Rogers and Henry are excellent return men.

Depth Chart

Offense (9)

SE	1 Charles Rogers (Jr.)	80 Ben Steckler (So.)
FL	6 B.J. Lovett (Sr.)	84 Robert Strickland (Fr.)
LT	65 Ulish Booker (Sr.)	72 Stefan Wheeler (Fr.)
LG	68 Joe Tate (Jr.)	57 Paul Harker (Sr.)
C	73 Brian Ottney (Jr.)	51 Chris Morris (Fr.)
RG	76 William Whitticker (So.)	61 Joe Patrick (Jr.)
RT	77 Steve Stewart (Jr.)	79 Sean Poole (So.)
TE	4 Eric Knott (So.)	81 Jason Randall (So.)
QB	9 Jeff Smoker (Jr.)	7 Damon Dowdell (So.)
FB	35 Mark Goebel (Jr.)	47 Jason Bradley (So.)
TB	49 Dawan Moss (Sr.)	32 Mike McConnell (Jr.)

Defense (6)

DE	59 Clifford Dukes (So.)	54 Dominick Brown (Jr.)
DT	97 Kyle Rasmussen (Jr.)	96 Greg Yeaster (So.)
DT	91 Kevin Vickerson (So.)	95 Matthias Askew (So.)
DE	94 Greg Taplin (Jr.)	93 Darrell Hamilton (So.)
LB	42 Mike Labinjo (Jr.)	58 James Cooper (So.)
LB	48 Seth Mitchell (Fr.)	40 Michael Bazemore (Fr.)
LB	44 Ronald Stanley (So.)	45 Monquiz Wedlow (Jr.)
CB	37 Cedric Henry (Sr.)	17 Roderick Maples (So.)
CB	21 Broderick Nelson (Sr.)	19 DeMario Suggs (Sr.)
SS	43 Thomas Wright (Sr.)	36 Eric Smith (Fr.)
FS	33 Robert Flagg (So.)	25 Jason Harmon (So.)

Special Teams

K	16 Dave Rayner (So.)
P	18 Michael Servis (Jr.)
KR	37 Cedric Henry (Sr.)
PR	1 Charles Rogers (Jr.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Bobby Williams
2002 Prediction: 4th Big Ten

2001 Record (Big Ten): 7-5 (3-5)
Spartan Stadium (72,027)



Steve Woltmann

Charles Rogers

passing for more than 300 yards in each of his last three games. His arm strength and understanding of the offense have improved. "Jeff is way ahead of where he was a year ago," says long-time Michigan State offensive coordinator Morris Watts. Backup Damon Dowdell replaced the injured Smoker and threw for 304 yards in a turnover-plagued loss at Purdue. Dowdell has quick feet and a strong arm.

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Michigan State averaged 45 points (and 589 total yards) in its final three games last season.

T.J. Duckett's early departure created a void at running back. Fullback Dawan Moss shed more than 20 pounds and earned the tailback job. Mike McConnell and Shawn Foster are speedy backups.

Rogers has the look of a high first-round draft pick. He is one of the tallest receivers in the Big Ten and probably the fastest. Rogers'



Maryland terrapins

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RANKING

Maryland coach Ralph Friedgen angered his players when he interviewed for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers head coaching position. "They (the players) issued me an ultimatum: Are you in or out?" Friedgen says. Friedgen is in, and the Terrapins are glad the National Coach of the Year is staying in College Park.

The Terps return eight starters on offense,

right knee in the spring game. Kelley will likely miss the entire season.

West Virginia transfer Scott McBrien is now the top candidate. McBrien appeared in 10 games with the Mountaineers in 2000 and threw for more than 250 yards against Pittsburgh and Notre Dame. Juco transfer Orlando Evans, who began his career at Oregon, is also in the mix.

Perry led the nation in rushing throughout the early part of the 2001 season, gaining 100-plus yards in five straight games. He's an excellent receiver and can grind it out inside or get outside. He sat out spring practice with an abdominal injury, but he is expected to be ready for preseason camp. Jason Crawford, a 220-pounder with excellent speed, will backup Perry. Fullback James Lynch is a punishing blocker, but Friedgen hopes to use him more as a runner.

Jafar Williams should easily replace the departed Guilian Gary as the Terps' leading receiver. With excellent size and speed, Williams almost gave up football because of a rare medical condition that causes him to cramp easily. Speedy Scooter Monroe will start opposite Williams. The most intriguing receiver is former quarterback

Latrez Harrison, a tremendous athlete.

The offensive line should be a real strength with four returning starters. It will be tough to replace center Melvin Fowler, but versatile Kyle Schmitt, who made his first career start in the Orange Bowl, will try. Tackles C.J. Brooks and Matt Crawford are solid pass and run blockers. Maryland is in good shape at guard with Todd Wike and Lamar Bryant.

Defensive tackle Randy Starks will be asked to replace honorable mention All-ACC performer Charles Hill. Starks played in every game as a true freshman and contributed 35 tackles and 3.5 sacks. C.J. Feldheim, a solid pass rusher and run stopper, made a smooth transition from end to nose tackle. Durrand Roundtree, the team's strongest player, became a reliable end, recording 4.5 sacks. Jamahl Cochran will be used as standup pass rusher/linebacker.

Henderson, a player with tremendous vision and tackling ability, became the

first Terp to be named an *Associated Press* first-team All-American since NFL Hall of Famer Randy White in 1974.

Henderson would love to top his 2001 season when he recorded 150 tackles and was named the ACC Player of the Year, but he missed spring practice after undergoing surgery to remove bone spurs in his back. Henderson may miss the opener, but Friedgen expects his star to play the majority of the season.

Weak-side linebacker Leon Joe has tremendous speed and will be in line for All-ACC honors. He's a standout in pass coverage, but will be counted on to rush the passer more.

The secondary could be a problem if three new starters don't meet expectations. Holdover Curome Cox developed into a quality corner and had three interceptions. Dennard Wilson, an excellent pass defender, moves to his more natural position of strong safety. Free safety Madieu Williams is a big hitter with 4.5 speed.

Friedgen doesn't have any worries about his kicking game. Brooks Barnard is one of the top punters in the country. Nick Novak emerged as a clutch kicker by making 12 of his last 14 attempts, including an overtime winner at Georgia Tech.

Depth Chart

Offense (8)

WR 19 Jafar Williams (Jr.)	10 Ike Roberts (So.)
WR 25 Scooter Monroe (Sr.)	4 Latrez Harrison (Jr.)
LT 74 C.J. Brooks (So.)	75 Eric Dumas (Jr.)
LG 66 Todd Wike (Sr.)	61 Ed Tyler (Jr.)
C 72 Kyle Schmitt (So.)	60 Jason Holman (Fr.)
RG 73 Lamar Bryant (Jr.)	69 Reggie Kemp (So.)
RT 78 Matt Crawford (Sr.)	79 Lou Lombardo (So.)
TE 82 Jeff Dugan (Jr.)	87 Ryan Flynn (So.)
QB 7 Scott McBrien (So.)	11 Orlando Evans (Jr.)
FB 5 James Lynch (Jr.)	44 Bernie Fiddler (Jr.)
TB 1 Bruce Perry (Jr.)	9 Jason Crawford (So.)

Defense (5)

DE 71 Durrand Roundtree (Sr.)	54 Scott Smith (Jr.)
NT 96 C.J. Feldheim (Jr.)	95 William Shime (Sr.)
DT 57 Randy Starks (So.)	91 Akil Patterson (Fr.)
LEO 49 Jamahl Cochran (So.)	47 Jon Condo (So.)
SLB 24 Leroy Ambush (Jr.)	58 Ricardo Dickerson (Fr.)
LB 42 E.J. Henderson (Sr.)	51 Andrew Henley (Jr.)
LB 32 Leon Joe (Jr.)	15 Curtis Williams (So.)
CB 30 Curome Cox (Jr.)	37 Jamal Chance (Sr.)
CB 6 Domonique Foxworth (So.)	38 Gerrick McPhearson (Fr.)
SS 13 Dennard Wilson (Jr.)	29 Ty Stewart (Sr.)
FS 40 Madieu Williams (Jr.)	26 Raymond Custis (So.)

Special Teams

K 46 Nick Novak (So.)
P 16 Brooks Barnard (Sr.)
KR 22 Rich Parson (So.)
PR 22 Rich Parson (So.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Ralph Friedgen	2001 Record (ACC): 10-2 (7-1)
2002 Prediction: 3rd ACC	Byrd Stadium (48,055)



Al Kooistra

Bruce Perry

including ACC Offensive Player of the Year Bruce Perry, who rushed for 1,242 yards. Perry and one of the league's best lines will play a big role in an explosive offense.

25 Maryland's Orange Bowl appearance following last season marked its first major bowl berth in 25 years.

The defense improved to 30th nationally from 107th in 2000. The unit, led by All-America middle linebacker E.J. Henderson, will be solid. Henderson believes Maryland will be playing in a major bowl again. "We finished ranked 10th. We have that confidence, we have the swagger. Most of the teams we play this year we beat last year," he says.

Maryland's most pressing off-season issue — who would replace efficient quarterback Shaun Hill — became an even greater concern after Chris Kelley tore the ACL in his

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Marshall will field potentially its finest football team ever this season. Before you relate that to being the best ballerina in Beloit, consider that the Thundering Herd has won at least 10 games in five of the last six seasons, has won conference titles in five of the last six years, has gone to five consecutive bowls, and has produced two Heisman Trophy finalists — Randy

Leftwich threw a ball 70 yards in the air during last year's GMAC Bowl practice and hit the rim of a garbage can coaches had placed there to show off his accuracy. His 38-to-7 touchdown-to-interception ratio and 67 percent completion rate further emphasize Leftwich's pinpoint control. He is fairly mobile and at 6'6", 240 pounds is difficult to bring down.

young. The backups are inexperienced. "We have some pups," defensive coordinator Bill Wilt says. "We have some talent, but they need playing time."

Ends Maurice McKinney and Jamus Martin are quick, but will be full-time starters for the first time.

The linebacking group is athletic but inexperienced. Charles Tynes, who runs very well, is the only returning starter. Middle linebacker Duran Smith is strong against the run. Dionté Wilson is hard-hitting and athletic. Terence Tarpley was converted from cornerback to Whip, but at 185 pounds might not be able to handle the beating of a full season there.

Yancey Satterwhite (team-high three interceptions) and Roberto Terrell are speedy cover corners. Safety Chris Crocker, the Herd's top returning tackler (88 stops), is among the faster players in the Mid-American Conference and is adapting well to his leadership role.

Curtis Head, who averaged 44.4 yards per punt is the MAC's top returning punter. He will also handle the placekicking duties again.



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Byron Leftwich

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Quarterback Byron Leftwich is looking to be Marshall's third Heisman finalist. Throwing to three receivers who caught more than 3,178 yards worth of passes a year ago, Leftwich figures to post numbers worthy of football's highest individual award.

88-5

The Thundering Herd has compiled an 88-5 record at home since Marshall Stadium opened in 1991.

"He's the best quarterback I've ever been around," says Marshall coach Bob Pruett, who coached Danny Wuerffel at Florida and Pennington and former Cincinnati Bengal Eric Kresser at Marshall.

The big question this fall will be on defense: Can the Herd shore up a defensive front which finished last in the MAC against the run in 2001?

800 yards, nine TDs).

Tight end Jason Rader, a West Virginia native who transferred from Georgia, will be eligible this fall and provides an upgrade at a deep position. He will fight for the No. 1 spot with senior Eddie Smolder.

Four starters return on the offensive line, making this a cohesive unit particularly adept at pass blocking. Center Jeff Edwards missed most of spring practice with injuries but is expected back in the fall. Joey Stepp (three starts in '01) is a quality backup.

Right guard Steve Perretta and left tackle Steve Scullo are pro prospects. Nate McPeck has started 26 consecutive games at right tackle. Left guard Luke Salmons is the only newcomer.

Tackle is the problem area on The Herd's defensive line. Senior Orlando Washington is athletic but light. Sophomore Josh Cordell has potential but is

Depth Chart

Offense (9)

WR 40 Darius Watts (Jr.)	83 Brad Bates (So.)
WR 82 Josh Davis (So.)	87 Chris Martin (Jr.)
WR 13 Denero Marriott (Sr.)	80 Curtis Jones (Sr.)
LT 75 Steve Scullo (Sr.)	65 Paul Hardy (Sr.)
LG 78 Luke Salmons (Jr.)	72 Ryan Baynes (Fr.)
C 58 Jeff Edwards (Sr.)	70 Joey Stepp (Jr.)
RG 66 Steve Perretta (Sr.)	62 Ricardo Phillips (So.)
RT 71 Nate McPeck (Jr.)	60 Nate Griffin (So.)
TE 90 Jason Rader (Jr.)	96 Eddie Smolder (Sr.)
RB 24 Franklin Wallace (Jr.)	8 Brandon Carey (Sr.)
QB 7 Byron Leftwich (Sr.)	4 Stan Hill (So.)

Defense (6)

DE 91 Maurice McKinney (Jr.)	50 Jonathan Goddard (Jr.)
DT 95 Orlando Washington (Sr.)	98 Reggie Hayes (So.)
NT 84 Josh Cordell (So.)	51 Marlan Hicks (Jr.)
DE 97 Jamus Martin (So.)	46 Kingsley Clark (Jr.)
LB 25 Dionté Wilson (So.)	47 Henry Moore (Sr.)
LB 48 Duran Smith (Sr.)	43 Kevin Atkins (So.)
LB 21 Terence Tarpley (Sr.)	1 Gladstone Coke (Jr.)
RV 44 Charles Tynes (Jr.)	30 J.T. Rembert (So.)
CB 2 Roberto Terrell (So.)	27 Willie Smith (So.)
CB 15 Yancey Satterwhite (Sr.)	42 Renaldo Williams (So.)
FS 19 Chris Crocker (Sr.)	3 Moriah Anderson (So.)

Special Teams

K 36 Curtis Head (Sr.)
P 36 Curtis Head (Sr.)
KR 2 Roberto Terrell (So.)
PR 82 Josh Davis (So.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Bob Pruett 2001 Record (MAC): 11-2 (8-0)
2002 Prediction: 1st MAC East Marshall University Stadium (40,000)



South Carolina

gamecocks

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RANKING

On the surface, it appears that Lou Holtz has engineered another amazing turnaround. South Carolina, the dregs of the SEC not so long ago, is coming off the most successful back-to-back seasons in school history. But the 2002 edition of the Gamecocks poses more question marks than at any time since Lou Holtz's first season. The Gamecocks must recover from the loss of the

pound freak who runs a 4.5 40 and squats 700 pounds, has played three seasons, and USC has managed to get him the ball more than 20 times in a game just once. His talents are so respected that when teams were drafted for the spring game, defensive coordinator Charlie Strong took Pinnock with the first pick. "I know how much the defensive guys hate tackling him," Strong said.

Ryan Brewer will get his share of carries as he does double duty at running back and receiver.

Offensive coordinator Skip Holtz calls the receivers his "biggest concern on offense." The team's most talented receiver, 6'5" James Adkisson, missed last season with a back injury. The Gamecocks need his size and speed for the passing game to be a threat.

USC's offensive line has improved more in Lou Holtz's four years than any other position. It paved the way for the running game to rank second in the SEC last season, and the run will again be emphasized, even in USC's spread offense. Guards Cedric Williams and Shane Hall are the heart of the line. Williams is entering his fourth season as a starter, while Hall played every position except center last season. Junior left tackle Travelle Wharton has started

since his freshman season, and his bookend at right tackle could be Watts Sanderson or Jonathan Alston. Center has been a concern, and tackle Na'shan Goddard practiced there some in the spring with C.J. Frye and John Strickland. Goddard will be on the field somewhere, if it's tackle or center. "This line has a chance to be the strength of the offense," Skip Holtz says. "The line is where it all starts. It doesn't matter how good your quarterback is if he's on his back."

USC's defensive line doesn't make big plays. Strong's 3-3-5 philosophy calls for the linemen to keep blockers off the linebackers and safeties, which the Gamecocks do well. Nosedackle Langston Moore is a load in the middle, and Dennis Quinn will be a starter at end for the third straight year. At the other end, USC will alternate emerging star George Gause, who also plays linebacker at 255 pounds, with the beef of 310-pounder Shaun

Smith. Gause, because of his size and speed, is the best pass rusher of the group.

South Carolina has talented linebackers. Second-leading tackler Jermaine Lemon can play either side. Former walk-on Lance Laury, the team's quickest linebacker, impressed enough in the spring to run with the first team. Those two flank Jeremiah Garrison.

With All-America cornerback Sheldon Brown and All-SEC corner Andre Goodman both gone, Dunta Robinson has moved from spur safety and will man one corner spot. The other remains hotly contested among Isaac Stackhouse, former receiver Ted Crawford, Rachiem Monroe and Brian Elam. "We know there's a lot of talk going around that we're going to be the weak spot, but we're working hard to get things right," Stackhouse says.

Deandré Eiland is a field general at free safety, while leading tackler Rashad Faison, a spur safety, is considered the team's toughest player, pound for pound.

Punter Tyeler Dean was sixth in the SEC at 41.6 yards per kick. Dan Weaver gives the Gamecocks a consistent field-goal kicker for the first time since 1997. He was 12-for-16 last season.

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

WR 19 Andrea Gause (So.)	15 Matthew Thomas (So.)
WR 88 James Adkisson (Sr.)	83 Chavez Donnings (Sr.)
LT 68 Travelle Wharton (Jr.)	70 Na'shan Goddard (Fr.)
LG 76 Cedric Williams (Sr.)	52 Jeff Barnes (Jr.)
C 58 C.J. Frye (Sr.)	74 John Strickland (So.)
RG 71 Shane Hall (Sr.)	79 Josh Malloy (Fr.)
RT 77 Watts Sanderson (Sr.)	72 Jonathan Alston (So.)
TE 49 Hart Turner (Jr.)	85 Fran Person (Fr.)
QB 9 Corey Jenkins (Sr.)	5 Dondrial Pinkins (So.)
FB 4 Andrew Pinnock (Sr.)	20 Daccus Turman (Fr.)
TB 21 Ryan Brewer (Sr.)	42 Thez Robinson (Fr.)

Defense (4)

DE 93 Dennis Quinn (Sr.)	90 Jason Capers (So.)
NT 57 Langston Moore (Sr.)	94 Preston Thorne (So.)
DE 99 George Gause (So.)	96 Shaun Smith (Sr.)
LB 36 Jermaine Lemon (Sr.)	34 Rod Thomas (Sr.)
LB 33 Jeremiah Garrison (Jr.)	51 Orus Lambert (Fr.)
LB 60 Lance Laury (Fr.)	46 Lenny Williams (Sr.)
Spur 11 Rashad Faison (Sr.)	16 Jamacia Jackson (So.)
Spur 30 Jonathan Martin (Sr.)	12 Rodrigues Wilson (So.)
CB 32 Dunta Robinson (Jr.)	18 Rachiem Monroe (Jr.)
CB 41 Isaac Stackhouse (Sr.)	25 Brian Elam (Sr.)
FS 28 Deandré Eiland (Jr.)	1 Jermaine Harris (Jr.)

Special Teams

K	97 Daniel Weaver (Jr.)
P	47 Tyeler Dean (Sr.)
KR	83 Chavez Donnings (Sr.)
PR	21 Ryan Brewer (Sr.)
(# indicates number of returning starters)	
BOLD indicates returning starters	

Head Coach: Lou Holtz	2001 Record (SEC): 9-3 (5-3)
2002 Prediction: 4th SEC East	Williams-Brice Stadium (80,250)



Larry Krieger

Rashad Faison

majority of their starters if they expect to again nip at the heels of Tennessee and Florida.

Quarterback Corey Jenkins insists that he can pass the ball effectively. But when a guy runs like Jenkins, why throw it? Jenkins, a 25-year-old senior who was a 1995 first-round draft pick of the Boston Red Sox has turned to football after baseball didn't work out. He intends to make up for lost time this season.

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The Gamecocks' No. 13 finish represented South Carolina's highest ranking at the end of a season since 1984.

At 220 pounds, Jenkins brings a running-back mentality to the Gamecocks' shotgun alignment. In limited snaps last season, he rushed for 5.2 yards per carry. Backup Dondrial Pinkins is a 240-pound Daunte Culpepper-type who gives USC more of a passing threat.

Running back Andrew Pinnock, a 250-



Aside from three key positions, the Ducks seem to have the talent base to contend for another Pac-10 title. How they replace both starting corners and quarterback Joey Harrington will be key. "Joey was certainly one of the better quarterbacks to ever play here, and was one of the catalysts for our success," Oregon coach Mike Bellotti says. "Although as a coach I don't

backups who last season were seldom used (Allan Amundson), redshirted (Ryan Shaw) or injured (Kenny Washington). Matt Floberg will get first crack at the fullback job despite being injured most of his career.

Regarded as the deepest position on the team in recent years, the receiving corps is again well-stocked. Keenan Howry is the star, and he'll start opposite either Jason Willis or Samie Parker. The backups are talented as well. George Wrihster takes over at tight end, and he's athletic enough that Bellotti is talking about experimenting with an H-back, which would help ease the burden on the young fullbacks.

The past two years Oregon has had one constant on the offensive line — Joey Forster at right guard. Now a junior, Forster is again penciled in at the position.

Forster was joined last season by right tackle Corey Chambers and center Dan Weaver. Both are back, though Chambers could move to left guard by the time the Ducks open the season.

That will depend on which of the younger linemen can step in most effectively. Tackle Adam Snyder and guard Nick Steitz will get the opportunity to take over the left side. But the best

combination might have Chambers at guard, and either Mike Delagrangue or Phil Finzer taking over at right tackle.

Igor Olshansky will start at tackle on an improved defensive front. The other starter will likely come from a group that includes Robby Valenzuela, Junior Siavii or possibly true freshman Haloti Ngata.

The ends will be capably manned by returning starters Seth McEwen, Darell Wright and Quinn Dorsey, the latter two being dangerous pass rushers. Backup Ed Wangler has starting experience and will be joined by reserves Devan Long and Roderkus Wright, whom Bellotti calls "one of the most explosive and physically dominant players we've ever recruited."

Inside 'backers Kevin Mitchell and David Moretti are keys to the run defense. Coordinator Nick Aliotti's system requires the linemen to clog things up and allow the linebackers to roam free.

Replacing Wesly Mallard on the out-

side was a key focus in spring ball; Moretti, Garret Graham and Ramone Reed were all given reps. But the real hope is that David Martin, a junior college transfer who red-shirted due to hamstring problems, gets comfortable enough to compete for time.

How cornerbacks Rashad Bauman and Steve Smith are replaced will determine how good this defense can be. Leading the group of possible starters is Steven Moore, the nickel back last season. He could be joined on the first team by Justin Phinisee, Courtney Miller or Charles Favroth. Favroth has the speed, Miller the size and Phinisee the athleticism; one of them needs to develop into the total package by fall.

Rover Rasuli Webster and free safety Keith Lewis will comprise one of the better tandems in the conference. Lewis is a budding superstar. Webster is entering his third season as a starter.

Both specialists, kicker Jared Siegel and punter Jose Arroyo, are back. Bellotti would like to see more consistency from both, and he takes a hands-on approach with his kickers.

The returners are particularly strong. Howry returned two punts for touchdowns last season, and Amundson and Onterio Smith are back again to handle kickoffs.



Jeff Galtick

Keenan Howry

want to put too much into it, because obviously there's life after Joey." For the Ducks, that remains to be seen.

Junior Jason Fife steps in at quarterback after having thrown only nine passes last season. Fife faced a stiff challenge in the spring from Kellen Clemens, a battle that could continue up until the opener.

8 Oregon plays eight games in Autzen Stadium, where the Ducks are 25-1 in their last 26 games.

In 2001, Onterio Smith and Maurice Morris became the first tailback tandem in Oregon history to run for 1,000 yards apiece in the same season. With Morris gone, Smith hopes to reach 2,000 yards by himself. Still, Bellotti professes the desire to again feature two backs. For that to happen, the Ducks will need someone to step up from a group of

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

WR 15 Keenan Howry (Sr.)	86 Keith Allen (So.)
WR 4 Samie Parker (Jr.)	8 Jason Willis (Sr.)
RT 75 Corey Chambers (Sr.)	77 Michael Delagrangue (So.)
RG 60 Joey Forster (Jr.)	59 Ian Reynoso (Fr.)
C 63 Dan Weaver (Jr.)	59 Ian Reynoso (Fr.)
LG 74 Nick Steitz (So.)	75 Corey Chambers (Sr.)
LT 72 Adam Snyder (So.)	73 Phil Finzer (Sr.)
TE 81 George Wrihster (Jr.)	87 Willie Walden (So.)
QB 12 Jason Fife (Jr.)	11 Kellen Clemens (Fr.)
RB 2 Onterio Smith (Jr.)	34 Allan Amundson (Sr.)
FB 32 Matt Floberg (Jr.)	48 Ryan Loftin (So.)

Defense (7)

DE 40 Darell Wright (Sr.)	30 Quinn Dorsey (Sr.)
DT 53 Igor Olshansky (So.)	65 Eric Johnson (Sr.)
DT 99 Robby Valenzuela (So.)	95 Kai Smalley (Sr.)
DE 43 Seth McEwen (Sr.)	55 Ed Wangler (Sr.)
LB 42 Garret Graham (Sr.)	21 David Martin (Jr.)
LB 44 David Moretti (Sr.)	42 Garret Graham (Sr.)
LB 39 Kevin Mitchell (Jr.)	36 Ramone Reed (So.)
CB 4 Steven Moore (Jr.)	11 Charles Favroth (So.)
CB 31 Justin Phinisee (Fr.)	29 Courtney Miller (Jr.)
RoV 22 Rasuli Webster (Sr.)	28 Marley Tucker (So.)
FS 16 Keith Lewis (Jr.)	7 Stephen Clayton (So.)

Special Teams

K 25 Jared Siegel (So.)
P 38 Jose Arroyo (Sr.)
KR 34 Allan Amundson (Sr.)
PR 15 Keenan Howry (Sr.)

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BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Mike Bellotti 2001 Record (Pac-10): 11-1 (7-1)
2002 Prediction: 4th Pac-10 Autzen Stadium (53,800)

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Three bowls in a row — and counting. It would have once seemed like an unattainable goal for a program that was in turmoil when Tom O'Brien took over prior to 1997. But the Eagles have indeed been to three straight bowls — and they've won the last two.

BC loses star running back William Green, but there is more than enough talent returning to ensure another good season at The Heights.

yards last year to lead all the returnees. Brokaw, a big, bruising sophomore, is the most talented of the three; Dodd sat out last year after transferring from Penn State.

Fullbacks J.P. Comella and Greg Toal will block and catch passes.

Talented but inconsistent Jamal Burke leads the group of new receivers. Burke needs to step up and have a strong senior season. Freshman Tony Gonzalez enrolled at BC in January and practiced with the team during the spring. He could step in and play immediately. Keith Hemmings and the still-unproven Grant Adams and Joel Hazard will also be in the rotation.

Tight ends Sean Ryan (17 catches, three TDs) and Frank Misurelli played well near the end of the season. Look for St. Pierre to go to these guys even more.

Boston College likes to call itself "O-Line U." And the tradition will continue this fall. Center Dan Koppen and guard Mark Parenteau were both second-team All-Big East picks last year. But the best of the deep and talented group may be Chris Snee, who started six games as a redshirt freshman last fall.

Leo Bell and Augie Hoffmann also were regular starters for most of last season, and

Frank Wilpert was the starting right tackle for the regular-season finale at Syracuse. Incoming freshman Jeremy Simpson is another player to keep an eye on.

The Eagles went through spring camp without three key defensive linemen — Antonio Garay (neck surgery), Tom Martin (suspension) and Keith Leavitt (suspension). All are expected back for the fall.

Garay, if healthy, should be the leader up front. He started the first eight games of 2001, logging nine tackles for a loss, five sacks and an interception. Tackle Doug Goodwin has shown flashes, but there really wasn't much of a pass rush in 2001. That could change this fall with the arrival of end Jim Unis. Derric Rossy did a solid job filling in for Garay down the stretch.

Martin is a two-year returning starter at tackle; Leavitt started all of 2000 and backed up Goodwin last year.

Linebacker has become an area of

uncertainty. Fireplug Vinny Ciurciu is the man in the middle. The senior led the team with 87 tackles in his first season at BC. Josh Ott missed three games but still recorded 75 tackles and had a strong performance in the Music City Bowl. O'Brien moved defensive back T.J. Stancil and backup quarterback Ray Henderson to linebacker to create depth. Redshirt freshman Patrick McShane is undersized (6'0", 192) but might play his way into the rotation.

Free safety Ralph Parent initially said would not return for his fifth year, but he changed his mind and should be back in the starting lineup. Strong safety Doug Bessette finished second on the club with 85 tackles. Senior Trevor White returns at one corner. The competition for the other corner position will be between Peter Shean and redshirt freshmen Nathanael Hasselbeck (yes, from that Hasselbeck family), Jazzmen Williams and Larry Lester.

Canadian import Sandro Sciortino will be the Eagles' placekicker — if he overcomes injury woes. Kevin McMyler is one of the best punters in the Big East. Burke will return kick-offs again after averaging 21.0 yards last season. A new punt returner must emerge.



Al Koolstra

Brian St. Pierre

Ask people to name the best quarterback in the Big East and Miami's Ken Dorsey is the name you'll likely hear. No. 2? Try Brian St. Pierre, the gritty local kid who threw for 25 TDs and over 2,000 yards last season.

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Boston College's win over then-No. 16 Georgia at the Music City Bowl snapped the school's 21-game losing streak against ranked teams.

St. Pierre is a savvy senior leader and has the confidence of his teammates. He's tough, throws just about any kind of pass and runs well. His one flaw? He tends to force things and try to do too much.

With apologies to Doug Flutie, Green might have been the greatest skill player ever to play at BC. Derrick Knight, Brandon Brokaw and transfer Horace Dodd are in a three-way battle to replace him. Knight rushed for 337

Depth Chart

Offense (9)

WR 84 Jamal Burke (Sr.)	26 Tony Gonzalez (Fr.)
WR 12 Keith Hemmings (Sr.)	5 Grant Adams (So.)
LT 69 Frank Wilpert (Jr.)	60 Jeremy Simpson (Fr.)
LG 76 Chris Snee (So.)	78 Augie Hoffmann (Jr.)
C 77 Dan Koppen (Sr.)	66 Pat Ross (Fr.)
RG 73 Mark Parenteau (Sr.)	78 Augie Hoffmann (Jr.)
RT 71 Leo Bell (Jr.)	60 Jeremy Simpson (Fr.)
TE 89 Sean Ryan (Jr.)	87 Frank Misurelli (Sr.)
QB 2 Brian St. Pierre (Sr.)	15 Quinton Porter (So.)
FB 43 J.P. Comella (Jr.)	16 Greg Toal (Jr.)
TB 20 Derrick Knight (Jr.)	30 Brandon Brokaw (So.)

Defense (8)

DE 85 Antonio Garay (Sr.)	93 Phillip Mettling (So.)
DT 90 Tom Martin (Jr.)	96 Tim Bulman (So.)
DT 98 Doug Goodwin (Jr.)	64 Keith Leavitt (Jr.)
DE 58 Derric Rossy (Sr.)	Jim Unis (Fr.)
LB 45 Josh Ott (Jr.)	51 Jerome Ledbetter (Sr.)
LB 40 Vinny Ciurciu (Sr.)	42 Jon Misiewicz (Fr.)
LB 23 T.J. Stancil (So.)	34 Patrick McShane (Fr.)
CB 19 Peter Shean (So.)	6 Larry Lester (Fr.)
CB 21 Trevor White (Sr.)	7 Nathanael Hasselbeck (Fr.)
FS 24 Ralph Parent (Sr.)	27 Paul Cook (Jr.)
SS 18 Doug Bessette (Sr.)	36 Brian Flores (Jr.)

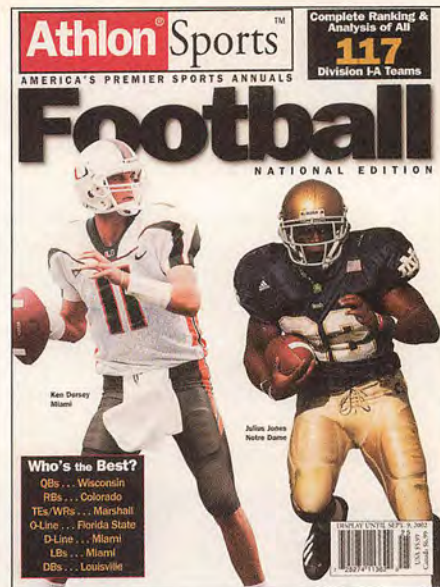
Special Teams

K 33 Sandro Sciortino (Jr.)
P 47 Kevin McMyler (Sr.)
KR 84 Jamal Burke (Sr.)
PR 5 Grant Adams (So.)

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Head Coach: Tom O'Brien	2001 Record (Big East): 8-4 (4-3)
2002 Prediction: 3rd Big East	Alumni Stadium (45,000)

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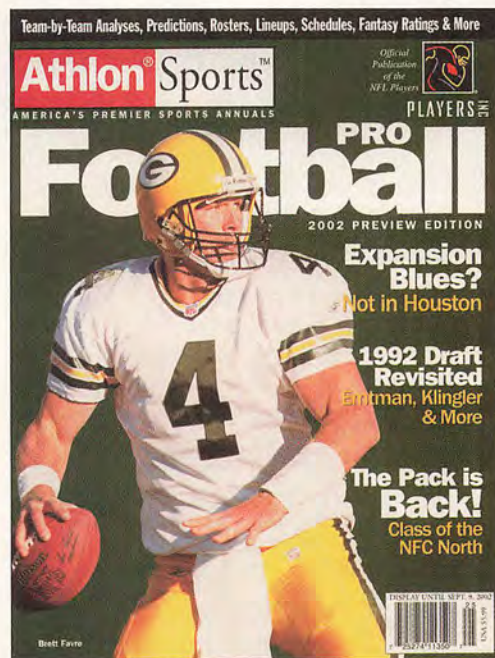
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Arkansas razorbacks

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RANKING

When it comes to quarterbacks, coach Houston Nutt probably feels like someone who's been ordering his clothes from the Army. There's a limited selection and one color — green. Things may be looking up, though. "I really feel like we're in the best shape at quarterback we've been in since we've been here," says Nutt.

The offense should be improved, the core

whom should keep an eye out for freshman De'Arrius Howard, a power back with a speed burst. Talley and Holmes run hard between the tackles and seem indestructible. Not long ago, everybody wondered when Cobbs would jump to the NFL. Now everybody wonders whether he can recapture the electrifying style he showed in 1999. Mark Pierce is a converted tailback who provides running and receiving skills at fullback.

A consistent deep threat must emerge to take pressure off receivers George Wilson and Richard Smith. Sparky Hamilton has the size and speed to fill the big-play role. Inconsistent hands have kept him from getting there. Coaches hope that by moving Decori Birmingham from tailback they've struck gold like LSU did with Josh Reed.

Shawn Andrews is the most talented Hog lineman in more than a decade, combining a wide body and strength with rare quickness and flexibility that allow him to dominate in run blocking and pass protection. Andrews and Mark Bokermann form a strong 1-2 punch on the right side. Center Josh Melton was a two-year starter who lost his job last season and now has it back. Bo Lacy takes over at left tackle. Several candidates will

contend at left guard.

Arkansas has signed a slew of defensive tackles and ends who have been talked up but have contributed little. They're needed now to team with Jermaine Brooks and Raymond House. Brooks, quick and agile even at 295 pounds, and House are leaders. Jayson Johnson has shown signs of being the wide-bodied inside run stuffer that the line has lacked, and Arrión Dixon has shown he can get off blocks. Throw in James Johnson and Justin Scott, and depth could solve a lot of the line's problems.

Elliott Harris takes over at rush end with the chance to bolster the pass rush.

Coaches believe Jeb Huceba could be as good at middle linebacker as his All-SEC predecessors. Huceba has bulked up and runs sideline-to-sideline fast enough to hunt down tailbacks.

Overall, the 'backers are an undersized group. All are built around speed and get off blocks well. Caleb Miller and Gavin

Walls are interchangeable on the strong side. Tony Bua closes fast, sometimes to the point of overrunning plays, but coaches wouldn't trade his hitting and mean streak. Walls will be used as an end in certain passing situations.

The secondary is the strength of the defense. Free safety Ken Hamlin draws comparisons to former Razorbacks Steve Arwater and Kenoy Kennedy. Cornerbacks Lawrence Richardson and Ahmad Carroll can cover one-on-one effectively. Eddie Jackson, a two-year starter, speedster Marvin Jackson and reliable Bo Mosley rotate with them.

Jimmy Beasley and Jimarr Gallon could end up splitting time at strong safety.

The abundance of quality defensive backs allows Arkansas to play five and sometimes six at a time to put more speed on the field.

A speed injection has given the return units a boost, with Marvin Jackson on punt returns and Richardson on kickoff returns.

Richie Butler has become much steadier heading into his fourth season as punter. Kicker Brennan O'Donohoe missed five of his last 11 field goal attempts during the regular season and will be pushed by David Carlton, who has shown a strong leg but fickle aim.



Allen Kee

Lawrence Richardson

of a proven defense returns and the SEC West title is within reach for the Hogs.

Quarterback Matt Jones is the boy wonder, but he only played half the season. He can run the midline option in his sleep and improvise effectively, but he must improve his passing.

102.2%

Arkansas returns 102.2 percent of its rushing production. How? The total was 1,950 yards. Eight players who contributed return and two players, who combined for minus-43 yards, are gone. Remove their negative yardage and the total is 1,993 or 102.2 percent.

Ryan Sorahan has switched schools three times in two years and might be ready to drop down a division to play right away. Nobody can match the arm strength of Tarvaris Jackson. He just needs to get more comfortable.

Three veteran backs return in Fred Talley, Brandon Holmes and Cedric Cobbs, each of

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

SE 88 George Wilson (So.)	18 Sam Breeden (Sr.)
FL 8 Richard Smith (Jr.)	28 Sparky Hamilton (Sr.)
LT 75 Bo Lacy (Jr.)	50 Jerry Reith (Jr.)
LG 60 Scott Davenport (Jr.)	82 Nathan Ball (Sr.)
C 58 Josh Melton (Sr.)	65 Dan Doughty (Jr.)
RG 71 Mark Bokermann (Jr.)	74 Jim Peters (Jr.)
RT 73 Shawn Andrews (So.)	76 Jared Hicks (Fr.)
TE 86 Jason Peters (So.)	95 Marcellus Poydras (Sr.)
QB 9 Matt Jones (So.)	10 Ryan Sorahan (So.)
TB 20 Fred Talley (Sr.)	4 Cedric Cobbs (Jr.)
FB 33 Mark Pierce (So.)	7 Brandon Holmes (Jr.)

Defense (7)

DE 90 Justin Scott (Jr.)	56 Raymond House (Sr.)
DT 56 Raymond House (Sr.)	92 Arrión Dixon (So.)
NG 48 Jermaine Brooks (Sr.)	93 Jayson Johnson (Jr.)
DE 98 Elliott Harris (So.)	52 Wesley O'Neal (Sr.)
LB 42 Gavin Walls (Sr.)	43 Caleb Miller (Jr.)
LB 15 Jeb Huceba (So.)	47 Clarke Moore (Fr.)
LB 22 Tony Bua (Jr.)	21 Lerezno Robinson (Fr.)
CB 1 Lawrence Richardson (Jr.)	3 Marvin Jackson (Sr.)
CB 8 Ahmad Carroll (So.)	30 Eddie Jackson (Jr.)
SS 14 Jimmy Beasley (Jr.)	39 Jimarr Gallon (Jr.)
FS 6 Ken Hamlin (Jr.)	16 Shelton Parker (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 49 David Carlton (So.)
P 35 Richie Butler (Sr.)
PR 3 Marvin Jackson (Sr.)
KR 1 Lawrence Richardson (Jr.)

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Head Coach: Houston Nutt	2001 Record (SEC): 7-5 (4-4)
2002 Prediction: 2nd SEC West	Razorback Stadium (72,000)



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Texas A&M averaged 82,711 fans at home last year. So much for the notion that it's offense that sells tickets.

A&M's defense played at a championship level, but the Aggies' offense was often as dismal as the defense was dominating. "We absolutely must be better and more consistent offensively," says quarterback Mark Farris.

If the Aggies can climb in total offense, the

brought back memories of former A&M star Rodney Thomas with his bullish style.

There's no shortage of talent behind Farmer. Oschler Flemming and the speedy Dwain Goynes provide quality depth at tailback, while senior Joe Weber, a former tailback, has bulked into a solid fullback. Keith Joseph will also receive a chance at fullback after playing tailback last season.

Perhaps the most pleasant surprise last season was the emergence of wideouts Jamaar Taylor and Terrence Murphy. Taylor is a physical receiver who can go across the middle or take defenders down with crushing blocks. The same could be said of Murphy, a game-breaker who led the team with 14.4 yards per catch.

The receiving corps will be bolstered by the return of Bethel Johnson, who had surgery to remove his spleen following an injury in the Aggies' second game.

The potential glaring weakness on offense is at tight end. Former defensive lineman Thomas Carriger did an admirable job blocking last year. But even if Carriger pans out, depth is still a concern.

It's questionable whether there are enough difference-makers up front to make significant strides offensively.

All-America center Seth McKinney is gone, leaving only sophomore tackle Jami Hightower as a dominant blocker. André Brooks, Taylor Whitley and Billy Yates are all solid linemen, and Geoff Hangartner is promising prospect to replace McKinney. But this is not an overpowering unit.

Senior Ty Warren can play either nose guard or defensive end. He can also dominate opponents at either position. Warren combines an imposing mixture of power and quickness. Marcus Jasmin and Linnis Smith are certainly capable of destruction as well. Warren, Jasmin and Smith could form one of the most formidable three-man fronts in college football. The problem for the Aggies is depth.

Jarrold Penright is quickly emerging as the next great outside linebacker in the Wrecking Crew lineage. Ferociously physical, Penright led the Aggies with 10.5 sacks and 19 tackles for a loss.

On the other side, the Aggies hope one

of their top prospects — Randall Webb, Brandon Johnson or Jesse Hunnicutt — will enjoy a breakout season as Penright did last year.

On the inside, Brian Gamble, one of the team's emotional leaders, and Jared Morris are solid run-stoppers. But here again, depth is a major concern.

The strength of this team is probably the secondary. Senior cornerback Sammy Davis is a lockdown coverage specialist who is rarely tested. On the other side, Sean Weston is a solid cover man, but he will be pushed by Byron Jones, hero of the galleryfurniture.com Bowl. Hard-hitting safety Terrence Kiel led the Aggies with 92 tackles, including a game-saving fourth-down stop against Kansas State. Junior Dawon Gentry appears to have the inside track in replacing Jay Brooks at free safety.

Cody Scates is an extremely dependable — and at times exceptional — punter, averaging over 40 yards per kick his first two seasons. Scates may be even better this year if the burden of placekicking is lifted. The Aggies are counting on — perhaps praying for — immediate help from true freshman Todd Pegram, who converted 18-of-23 attempts in two seasons at Plano West (Texas) High School.



Chris Covatta

Sammy Davis

A&M defense should be quite capable of placing this program back in the Top 25.

Farris enters his senior season near the top of A&M's career passing lists. But after struggling toward the end of last season, he may also be on a shorter leash.

220

The Aggies scored 220 points in 2001. It was the lowest point production by A&M since 1983.

Farris has a quick release, but hasn't shown a propensity to make things happen on the run. That seems to be the direction the offense is heading under coordinator Dino Babers, who played a major role in recruiting highly touted true freshman Reggie McNeal.

A year ago, running back was an area of concern. But that was before Derek Farmer burst onto the scene. Displaying tremendous power and outstanding speed, Farmer

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

WR 5 Terrence Murphy (So.)	9 Bethel Johnson (Sr.)
WR 2 Jamaar Taylor (Jr.)	3 Terrence Thomas (So.)
RT 65 André Brooks (Jr.)	73 Alan Reuber (Jr.)
RG 51 Taylor Whitley (Sr.)	71 Quentin Holman (Fr.)
C 66 Geoff Hangartner (So.)	54 James Milkavich (Jr.)
LG 72 Billy Yates (Sr.)	50 John Kirk (Jr.)
LT 75 Jami Hightower (So.)	74 Dominique Steamer (Fr.)
TE 98 Thomas Carriger (So.)	81 Joey Perot (So.)
QB 10 Mark Farris (Sr.)	18 Dustin Long (So.)
FB 28 Joe Weber (Sr.)	34 Keith Joseph (So.)
RB 1 Derek Farmer (So.)	32 Oschler Flemming (Jr.)

Defense (7)

DE 94 Ty Warren (Sr.)	99 David Ross (Fr.)
NG 91 Marcus Jasmin (So.)	60 Johnny Jolly (Fr.)
DE 88 Linnis Smith (Jr.)	92 Nick Losada (Jr.)
LB 27 Jesse Hunnicutt (Sr.)	56 Brandon Johnson (So.)
LB 45 Jared Morris (Jr.)	55 Randall Webb (So.)
LB 17 Brian Gamble (Sr.)	55 Randall Webb (So.)
LB 43 Jarrod Penright (Sr.)	42 Everett Smith (Jr.)
CB 31 Sean Weston (Jr.)	11 Byron Jones (So.)
CB 22 Sammy Davis (Sr.)	23 Ronald Jones (Fr.)
FS 14 Dawon Gentry (Jr.)	36 Jaxson Appel (Fr.)
SS 8 Terrence Kiel (Sr.)	39 Eric Crutchfield (So.)

Special Teams

K	Todd Pegram (Fr.)
P	20 Cody Scates (Jr.)
KR	22 Sammy Davis (Sr.)
PR	14 Dawon Gentry (Jr.)

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Head Coach: R.C. Slocum 2001 Record (Big 12): 8-4 (4-4)
2002 Prediction: 3rd Big 12 South Kyle Field (82,600)

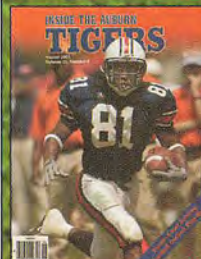
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Texas Tech red raiders

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RANKING

Mike Leach has compiled a 7-0 non-conference record against a parade of perennial patsies. If he can keep that spotless record intact this year, however, the Red Raiders deserve their own parade.

Tech is facing seven bowl participants as part of a 13-game regular season. "It's the toughest schedule in the country," Leach says. "We have our work cut out for ourselves."



Jon Pattillo

Kliff Kingsbury

Tech officials are running a "Kliff Kingsbury for the Heisman Trophy" campaign. Considering his numbers, it's worth a shot.

3,502

Only three Division I-A quarterbacks had more passing yards than Kliff Kingsbury's 3,502 in 2001.

Kingsbury, an accurate passer and hard-nosed competitor, has passed for 6,920 yards and 46 scores the past two seasons. He has a tremendous understanding of the offense, and he is making better decisions with every game. He also has a firm grip on the leadership reins. "There's not another quarterback in the country I would want to have leading this team," says receiver Wes Welker. "We all admire how much he puts into the football team."

The Raiders finished last in the Big 12 in rushing offense, but Tech did show some slight improvements. Now, the challenge is to

continue that upward trend without Ricky Williams, who finished as the third-leading rusher in school history and led the Big 12 with 92 receptions last season. Among the candidates to assume tailback duties are Taurian Henderson, who was ineligible his freshman season, junior college transfer Johnnie Mack, and Loliki Bonga-Wanga, who is returning from a ruptured Achilles tendon.

Foy Munlin is a powerful blocker. Mack is probably the most like Williams in his build, running style and ability to catch.

The receiving corps appears to be particularly strong. Mickey Peters emerged as a tremendous possession receiver last season, catching 51 passes. The diminutive duo of Carlos Francis and Welker — both of whom are 5'9" — displayed some big-play abilities. Francis led Tech with 703 receiving yards, while Welker, an outstanding punt returner, led the Raiders with five touchdowns. Nehemiah Glover displayed a knack for making things happen, and perhaps the receiver with the most promise is Anton Paige, a big target with big-time potential. The passing game should get a boost from lightning-quick Ivory McCann, 12th in the nation in kickoff returns in '01.

Tech allowed 26 sacks last season. But considering the fact that the Raiders attempted 570 passes, that's not outlandish. The leader of the line is right guard Rex Richards, an All-Big 12 candidate who enters this season with 29 career starts. Toby Cecil at left guard and Casey Keck at right tackle are solid, while center Dylan Gandy and mammoth left tackle Daniel Loper are expected to take on full-time starting roles.

Aside from Kingsbury's passing, the defensive front could be the strength of the team. Tech recorded 35 sacks last season, and much of the credit goes to a front that returns all four starters and most of the backups. The dominant force up front is Aaron Hunt at defensive end. Hunt needs just one sack this year to surpass Montae Reagor as the school's all-time leader. Tackles Lamont Anderson, Josh Page and Clayton Harmon, who has remarkable strength, are solid in the middle. And Rod-

ney McKinney is a nice complement outside.

Linebacker Lawrence Flugence is a one-man tackling machine in the middle. Quick, aggressive and intense, Flugence has led the Big 12 in tackles the past two seasons. On the outside, Mike Smith was a part of the defensive revival at mid-season. He started eight games and finished with 85 tackles. On the other side, Jason Wesley is expected to replace veteran Jonathan Hawkins. Wesley has plenty of speed.

The Tech secondary should be solid. Cornerback Ricky Sailor and strong safety Ryan Aycock played big roles in the Raiders' wins over Kansas State and Texas A&M. Perhaps the most formidable defender in the secondary is cornerback Joselio Hanson. The junior college transfer broke up a team-high 20 passes last year and displayed a knack for the big play. B.J. Johnson is the leading candidate to fill the void at free safety.

Punter Clinton Greathouse returns after a career-best season in 2001. One of the pleasant surprises of last season was the performance of walk-on kicker Robert Treece, who connected on 12-of-15 field goal attempts. McCann and Welker form one of the best kick/punt return tandems in the Big 12.

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

WR 27 Wes Welker (Jr.)	3 Thomas Bachman (Fr.)
WR 86 Mickey Peters (Jr.)	80 Clay McGuire (So.)
WR 1 Anton Paige (Sr.)	6 Nehemiah Glover (So.)
WR 82 Carlos Francis (Jr.)	7 Trey Haverty (So.)
LT 60 Daniel Loper (So.)	67 Bryan Kegans (Fr.)
LG 66 Toby Cecil (Jr.)	63 J.J. Williams (Sr.)
C 57 Dylan Gandy (So.)	79 E.J. Whitley (Fr.)
RG 72 Rex Richards (Sr.)	64 Cody Campbell (So.)
RT 65 Casey Keck (Jr.)	69 Jon Rodriguez (So.)
QB 16 Kliff Kingsbury (Sr.)	4 B.J. Symons (Jr.)
FB 19 Taurian Henderson (Fr.)	24 Johnnie Mack (Jr.)

Defense (9)

DE 95 Rodney McKinney (Sr.)	91 Adell Duckett (So.)
DT 71 Lamont Anderson (Sr.)	95 Rodney McKinney (Sr.)
DT 74 Clayton Harmon (So.)	97 Josh Page (Sr.)
DE 9 Aaron Hunt (Sr.)	91 Adell Duckett (So.)
LB 46 Mike Smith (So.)	29 Toby Shain (Sr.)
LB 51 Lawrence Flugence (Sr.)	35 Jeremy Woods (So.)
LB 30 Jason Wesley (Jr.)	94 Lennard Christensen (Sr.)
CB 21 Ricky Sailor (Sr.)	25 Tory Mitchell (So.)
CB 12 Joselio Hanson (Sr.)	14 Damian Chandler (So.)
SS 28 Ryan Aycock (Jr.)	8 Josh Rangel (Jr.)
FS 20 B.J. Johnson (Jr.)	11 Marcus Boyd (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 32 Robert Treece (Sr.)
P 18 Clinton Greathouse (Sr.)
KR 36 Ivory McCann (So.)
PR 27 Wes Walker (Jr.)

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Head Coach: Mike Leach 2001 Record (Big 12): 7-5 (4-4)
2002 Prediction: 4th Big 12 South Jones SBC Stadium (50,000)

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Georgia Tech fans are optimistic enough to think their team can contend for an ACC title in 2002. Yes, Tech's last four head coaches fared poorly in their first two seasons, but Chan Gailey has the experience — and the résumé — to reverse the trend.

Gailey insists Tech might open with a two-quarterback system. A.J. Suggs and Damarius Bilbo became co-No. 1s in the spring, and

still recovering from a torn ACL. He was held out of spring contact drills. Sidney Ford has 605 career yards and will get plenty of snaps this fall, but the senior missed the last week of spring with injured ribs. An ankle injury sidelined Jimmy Dixon the last two weeks, but his tendency to fumble is a bigger hindrance. Fifth-year senior Gordon Clinkscale brings value in his familiarity with the offense.

Even Kelly Campbell's departure hasn't affected the level of quality at wideout. Jonathan Smith and Will Glover, both of whom have starting experience, will share time with Kerry Watkins, Nate Curry and Levon Thomas. As a group, Smith, Glover and Watkins had 136 catches for 1,810 yards and 12 touchdowns last year. John Paul Foschi and Will Heller lead a group of four tight ends fighting to replace Russell Matvay, who caught 22 passes in '01.

Nobody expected freshman Nat Dorsey to start the last 10 games at offensive tackle and be named first-team All-ACC. With Leon Robinson returning as the starting left guard, the Jackets enter the season feeling secure about one side.

Hugh Reilly, a starter at right guard, has moved to center, and Kyle Wallace beat out John Bennett for the right tackle job in spring. Raymond Roberts-Blake is the right guard.

ACC sacks leader Greg Gathers provides a nice anchor at defensive end. Gathers' 10-sack season gave him a school-career record 30, and he had 18 tackles for a loss to improve his school career mark to 56. The Lombardi Award candidate is one of nine returning starters on defense.

Tech will choose from among Fred Wright, Hobie Holiday and Tony Hargrove for the starting left end. Wright and Holiday both also can play the interior, which returns Gary Johnson and Alfred Malone as starters.

The Jackets have a strong linebacking threesome in Daryl Smith, Recardo Wimbush and Keyaron Fox. Wimbush has led the team in tackles two of the last three years. Smith, a vicious hitter in the middle, missed three games and part of another

with a dislocated right elbow. When he returned, he was still effective. Fox, the defense's most improved player in 2001, will share the left side with Ather Brown, whose season ended after five games with a broken foot.

The Jackets were hoping to have three starters returning in the secondary with free safety Jeremy Muires, left cornerback Marvious Hester and strong safety Cory Collins. But Collins' status remains unclear after an on-campus incident. If Collins goofs again, Tech might take a look at redshirt freshman Reuben Houston, a major recruit in 2001.

Muires, a starter in 33 consecutive games, has 197 career tackles, second only to Wimbush. Muires and Hester have combined for 13 interceptions in the last three years.

Kicker Luke Mangert, a two-time All-ACC selection, is within 31 extra points of breaking the NCAA record of 161 consecutive conversions. Punter Dan Dyke has yet to distance himself from fellow senior Chris Morehouse.

Kelley Rhino set a conference mark last year with 515 punt return yards. True freshman I-Perfection Harris will get an opportunity to replace Campbell as kickoff returner.



Chris Covatta

Greg Gathers

though Gailey's recent history as an NFL coordinator suggests otherwise, he likes the idea of opponents doing twice as much preparation. He promises to name a starter, though, before the Jackets host Vanderbilt Aug. 31.

7 Georgia Tech went 4-4 in ACC play last season — its worst league mark since 1996 — but three of the losses came by a combined seven points.

Suggs, a junior transfer, has the upper hand with his prototypical size, arm strength and experience as a four-game starter at Tennessee. Though his footwork reminds no one of Joe Hamilton, Suggs is no George Godsey, either. Bilbo has all the tools; he only lacks experience.

Tony Hollings' emergence at tailback speaks volumes about Tech's lack of depth at the position. Jermaine Hatch, who earned considerable playing time in the second half of 2000, is

Depth Chart

Offense (4)

WR 9 Kerry Watkins (Sr.)	5 Nate Curry (So.)
WR 3 Will Glover (Sr.)	21 Jonathan Smith (Jr.)
LT 70 Nat Dorsey (So.)	78 Garren Findlay (Sr.)
LG 74 Leon Robinson (So.)	72 Brad Honeycutt (Fr.)
C 67 Hugh Reilly (Jr.)	65 Andy Tidwell-Neal (So.)
RG 66 Raymond Roberts-Blake (Sr.)	62 Clay Hartley (Jr.)
RT 77 Kyle Wallace (So.)	76 Salih Besirevic (Fr.)
TE 89 John Paul Foschi (Jr.)	84 Will Heller (Sr.)
QB 17 A.J. Suggs (Jr.)	8 Damarius Bilbo (Fr.)
FB 46 Brian Johnson (Fr.)	32 Johnathan Jackson (So.)
TB 24 Tony Hollings (Jr.)	28 Gordon Clinkscale (Sr.)

Defense (9)

DE 55 Greg Gathers (Sr.)	58 Fred Wright (Sr.)
DT 96 Gary Johnson (Sr.)	95 Reggie Koon (Jr.)
DT 92 Alfred Malone (So.)	94 Travis Parker (Fr.)
DE 44 Tony Hargrove (So.)	50 Hobie Holiday (Jr.)
LB 54 Keyaron Fox (Jr.)	43 Ather Brown (Jr.)
LB 51 Daryl Smith (Jr.)	57 Tabugbo Anyansi (So.)
LB 42 Recardo Wimbush (Sr.)	59 Matthew Etheridge (Sr.)
CB 23 Jonathan Cox (Jr.)	1 Albert Poree (Jr.)
CB 29 Marvious Hester (Sr.)	26 Reuben Houston (Fr.)
SS 4 Cory Collins (Sr.)	22 James Butler (So.)
FS 27 Jeremy Muires (Sr.)	38 Nathan Burton (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 87 Luke Mangert (Sr.)
P 30 Dan Dyke (Sr.)
KR 41 Kelley Rhino (Sr.)
PR 41 Kelley Rhino (Sr.)

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BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Chan Gailey 2001 Record (ACC): 8-5 (4-1)
2002 Prediction: 4th ACC Bobby Dodd Stadium (\$5,000)

As Gary Crowton enters his second season at BYU, one thing is missing from his thick playbook: the element of surprise.

Taking over for the legendary LaVell Edwards, Crowton revived the Cougar program and shocked Mountain West Conference defenses with his variety of offensive schemes, formations and plays. BYU led the

read coverages in spring drills. What's more, he showed some ability to run the option, which was a big part of Doman's game.

Staley's decision to turn pro after rushing for 1,582 yards and winning the Doak Walker Award as a junior was a major blow to BYU's offensive ambitions. The Cougars now turn to the talented, but oft-troubled Marcus Whalen, who averaged 5.5 yards on his 38

carries as a freshman in 2000. Whalen missed the entire 2001 campaign because of off-field troubles and missed most of the spring with injuries. But when healthy, he has the speed to be highly effective in this offense.

Reno Mahe caught 91 passes for 1,211 yards and nine touchdowns last season while growing into the wide receiver position. A running back at BYU in 1999, he moved to receiver at a junior college in 2000. Andrew Ord, Rod Wilkerson and Toby Christensen were complementary players last season and will have plenty of chances in a scheme that employs four and five receivers at times.

BYU will rely heavily on tackles Ben Archibald and Dustin Rykert to stabilize the offensive line, because the interior players are mostly new. Quinn Christensen and

Ryan Keele were junior college transfers who arrived at BYU in 2001 and are now ready to become starters. Keele can play center or guard; if he's at center, Christensen and Isaac Herring will join Scott Jackson in the competition for guard spots.

The BYU defense took a beating in '01, allowing 30 points and 448 yards per game. Coordinator Ken Schmidt absorbed plenty of criticism, but he's optimistic about improvement with a more varied, aggressive scheme that relies on speed.

The Cougars struggled last season, even with two outstanding linemen, Ryan Denney and Brett Keisel. And now they're gone. The consolation is that Denney's brother John is a talented end, and C.J. Ah You is back from a knee injury. Inside, Jeff Cowart, Ryan Gunderson and Ifo Pili should keep improving. JC transfer Scott Young will also help if he can clear up eligibility questions.

Things could get interesting at line-

backer. Schmidt moved Paul Walkenhorst from the outside to middle linebacker and Levi Madarieta from safety to outside linebacker — all in the interest of increasing the speed of the defense. Walkenhorst was a pleasant surprise as a freshman in 2000 and was third on the team in tackles last year.

Bill Wright and Colby Bockwoldt will compete for outside positions.

Opponents ran and passed with almost equal effectiveness against BYU last season, but the pass defense was noticeably weak when injuries mounted. Schmidt acknowledges that the Cougars were just not athletic enough in the secondary.

The secondary's talent level will rise in August with the arrival of junior college cornerbacks Walt Williams and James Allen. Jernaro Gilford is solid at one corner. Aaron Francisco, Michael Madsen and Brandon Heaney, a starting cornerback last year, give Schmidt some choices at the safety positions.

Matt Payne returns to handle the place-kicking after making 12-of-17 field goal attempts. He also worked on punting in the spring, and will compete with junior college transfer Tyson Dunham.

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

WR 10 Andrew Ord (Sr.)	26 Rod Wilkerson (So.)
WR 20 Reno Mahe (Sr.)	80 Toby Christensen (Jr.)
LT 79 Dustin Rykert (Sr.)	78 James Eastman (So.)
LG 74 Quinn Christensen (Sr.)	76 Vince Xanthos (Jr.)
C 59 Ryan Keele (Sr.)	55 Jeff Rhea (Fr.)
RG 73 Isaac Herring (Sr.)	64 Scott Jackson (Jr.)
RT 65 Ben Archibald (Sr.)	57 Hanale Vincent (So.)
TE 89 Spencer Nead (Sr.)	42 Gabriel Reid (Sr.)
QB 13 Bret Engemann (Jr.)	14 Todd Mortensen (So.)
RB 32 Marcus Whalen (So.)	9 Logan Deans (So.)
RB 9 Logan Deans (So.)	30 Jared Harper (So.)

Defense (6)

DE 92 John Denney (So.)	87 Brandon Stephens (So.)
DT 95 Ifo Pili (Jr.)	98 Nathan Kolbaba (So.)
DT 94 Jeff Cowart (Sr.)	56 Ryan Gunderson (Jr.)
DE 91 C.J. Ah You (So.)	49 Brady Poppinga (So.)
LB 53 Bill Wright (Jr.)	7 Levi Madarieta (Jr.)
LB 47 Paul Walkenhorst (Jr.)	44 Mike Tanner (Jr.)
LB 46 Colby Bockwoldt (So.)	39 Bryant Atkinson (Fr.)
CB 4 Jernaro Gilford (Jr.)	22 Micah Alba (So.)
CB 23 O'Neil Howell (Fr.)	25 Mike Sumko (Sr.)
SS 43 Michael Madsen (Jr.)	34 Brandon Heaney (Jr.)
FS 33 Aaron Francisco (So.)	3 Joshua Brandon (Sr.)

Special Teams

K 38 Matt Payne (So.)
P 24 Tyson Dunham (Jr.)
KR 20 Reno Mahe (Sr.)
PR 80 Toby Christensen (Jr.)

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BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Gary Crowton
2002 Prediction: 2nd MWC

2001 Record (MWC): 12-2 (7-0)
LaVell Edwards Stadium (65,000)



Ric Fogel

Paul Walkenhorst

country in scoring and total offense and went unbeaten in the conference, even if that feat required no fewer than four wild finishes.

This season will tell whether BYU's 12-2 record was mostly the work of departed quarterback Brandon Doman and running back Luke Staley, or if Crowton's approach has staying power.

447 Quarterback Bret Engemann passed for 447 yards in a come-from-behind victory at Virginia back in 2000.

Quarterback Bret Engemann returns to the starting lineup after spending the last year-and-a-half on the sideline watching Doman work his magic. Engemann began the 2000 season as the Cougars' starter, but he hurt his shoulder in the sixth game and has not played since. Engemann is big and strong, and the coaches were impressed with his ability to



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It wasn't the best of off-seasons in Tuscaloosa. The Alabama program was hit with severe sanctions by the NCAA for violations under former head coach Mike DuBose. For the program to have crumbled under the penalties would not have been a surprise. But expectations will be high when Dennis Franchione's team lines up to play Middle Tennessee on Aug. 31 at Legion Field.

1,514 yards and 10 touchdowns last season, will get the bulk of the carries. Beard has always been a big-play threat, but he's become a more complete back. One of the keys to the offense will be how well Williams and Hudson fit into the Crimson Tide scheme.

Fullback Donnie Lowe was a devastating lead blocker last year, but his role could expand with the creation of the W position, a combination of fullback and tight end.

No offensive area concerns the Tide coaching staff more than the wide receiver position. Antonio Carter and Sam Collins have proven to be solid contributors. But Carter will need academic work during the summer to remain eligible. Collins was held out of contact during spring practice because of shoulder surgery.

Tight ends Theo Sanders and Clint Johnston also will be heavily involved in the passing game. Sanders could be especially effective with his speed.

Tackles Wesley Britt and Evan Mathis and guard Justin Smiley are no longer inexperienced starters. That alone makes the offensive front better than a year ago. With center Alonzo Ephraim and guard Marico Portis also returning, the Tide welcomes back its starting unit intact.

No team in the SEC has a better defensive line than Alabama. Tackle Jarret Johnson and end Kindal Moorehead are two-time All-SEC choices, nose tackle Kenny King is a three-year starter and Nautyn McKay-Loesch is a bundle of energy at the other end.

Antwan Odom, Anthony Bryant and Gerard Clark can provide quality depth. Odom, who bulked up from 247 to 279 pounds, is a future star at end.

Middle linebacker Saleem Rasheed left a year early in search of an NFL job. That won't be a problem if redshirt freshman Freddie Roach lives up to expectations.

Roach has prototype size and sideline-to-sideline speed. But he hasn't played a down of college football. His learning curve will be made easier with the presence of returning starters at strong-side linebacker (Cornelius Wortham) and rover (Brooks Daniels). The Tide also has depth thanks to successful spring experiments by

Marvin Brown (fullback to middle linebacker) and Mark Anderson (defensive end to strong-side linebacker) and the arrival of junior college All-American Derrick Pope.

The Tide was eighth in the conference in pass defense last season. Things will be better this year. Gerald Dixon and Hirschel Bolden are returning starters at cornerback, but they might not be able to hold off Anthony Madison and Charlie Pephrah. Madison may be the team's best cover corner and Pephrah is probably the most physical player at that position. David Scott could also figure in the mix.

Waine Bacon returns as the starter at strong safety, and Charles Jones emerged from spring practice as the starter at free safety. But redshirt freshman Roman Harper is making a push at the free safety position.

Lane Bearden will punt for the third consecutive season and handle the kickoff duties. Mike McLaughlin, Brian Bostick and Michael Ziifle are competing to replace steady Neal Thomas at placekicker. McLaughlin is the lone scholarship placekicker on the team.

Diminutive Brandon Brooks (5'4", 162) could prove to be an exciting returner along with Carter, Hudson and Williams.



Courtland Richards

Tyler Watts

"We're going to make the most out of every game," quarterback Tyler Watts says. "We'll direct our frustrations toward the other team and no one else."



Alabama played just one true freshman in 2001, defensive end Todd Bates.

Watts returns for his final season, but Bama fans, not known for their patience, are clamoring for phenom Brodie Croyle, who possesses the best arm on the team and has all the tools to be a great one. Watts has the edge in experience and understands what Franchione wants. So, at least for now, Watts is in charge.

Senior Ahmaad Galloway and junior Santonio Beard have such a firm hold on the tailback position that Franchione and his staff created an A-back position to help speedy Ray Hudson and shifty Shaud Williams find a place to play. Galloway and Beard, who combined for

Depth Chart

Offense (9)

SE	2 Antonio Carter (Sr.)	84 Triandos Luke (Jr.)
SB*	3 Dre Fulgham (Jr.)	37 Joel Babb (Sr.)
FL	7 Sam Collins (Sr.)	39 Lance Taylor (Jr.)
QT	70 Wesley Britt (So.)	75 Atlas Herrion (Sr.)
QG	78 Justin Smiley (So.)	79 Danny Martz (So.)
C	58 Alonzo Ephraim (Sr.)	74 J.B. Closner (Fr.)
SG	71 Marico Portis (Sr.)	73 Dennis Alexander (Jr.)
ST	51 Evan Mathis (So.)	65 Dante Ellington (Sr.)
TE	89 Theo Sanders (Sr.)	88 Clint Johnston (Fr.)
QB	14 Tyler Watts (Sr.)	12 Brodie Croyle (Fr.)
TB	29 Ahmaad Galloway (Sr.)	34 Santonio Beard (Jr.)
FB*	49 Donnie Lowe (Jr.)	21 Nick Signaigo (So.)

Defense (8)

DE	90 Nautyn McKay-Loesch (So.)	56 Todd Bates (So.)
DT	96 Jarret Johnson (Sr.)	94 Derek Sanders (Sr.)
NT	55 Kenny King (Sr.)	97 Anthony Bryant (Sr.)
DE	54 Kindal Moorehead (Sr.)	98 Antwan Odom (So.)
LB	8 Freddie Roach (Fr.)	6 Marvin Brown (Sr.)
LB	16 Cornelius Wortham (Jr.)	45 Juke King (Fr.)
Rov	18 Brooks Daniels (Jr.)	43 Jason Rawls (So.)
CB	4 Gerald Dixon (Sr.)	9 Anthony Madison (Sr.)
CB	25 Hirschel Bolden (Sr.)	26 Charlie Pephrah (Fr.)
FS	20 Charles Jones (Jr.)	41 Roman Harper (Fr.)
SS	24 Waine Bacon (Sr.)	10 Carlos Andrews (Jr.)

Special Teams

K	1 Brian Bostick (So.)
P	44 Lane Bearden (Sr.)
KR	2 Antonio Carter (Sr.)
PR	2 Antonio Carter (Sr.)

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*The 12 offensive positions represent Alabama's multiple formations.

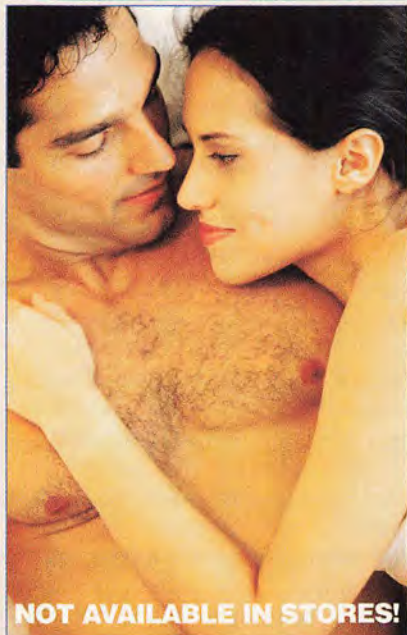
Head Coach: Dennis Franchione	2001 Record (SEC): 7-5 (4-4)
2002 Prediction: 3rd SEC West	Bryant-Denny Stadium (83,818)

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"We might not have as many stars," UCLA

probably the most athletic of the lot.

The Bruins will try to replace former Heisman Trophy candidate DeShaun Foster with an entire committee.

While sophomore Manuel White is bulky enough to pound defenses in short-yardage situations, redshirt freshman Tyler Ebell is quick enough to make big plays, especially on third down. Akil Harris will carry most of Foster's load. Harris, nicknamed "Cadillac," is both smooth and durable, running between the tackles and also getting around the end. He probably won't dazzle quite like his predecessor, but Harris will enjoy plenty of help.

After a successful but injury-plagued 2001 season, receiver Tab Perry is ready to break out as one of the Pac-10's primary playmakers with his surprising size and speed. Perry's best friend, Craig Bragg, is a perfect complement on the other side. Bragg is even faster than Perry, and UCLA invents all sorts of creative ways to get him the ball. The Bruins can also call on possession receiver Ryan Smith. The wideouts will have to fight for balls with tight end Mike Seidman, one of the most reliable pass catchers on the team.

UCLA will probably enjoy its best blocking in the past four years. With tackle Mike Saffer anchoring a group that includes guard Eyoseph Efseaff and tackle Bryce Bohlander, the Bruins are talented and experienced enough to protect their quarterback and boost their tailbacks. This unit lost only center Troy Danoff, and UCLA will fill that spot with either John Ream or freshman Mike McCloskey.

When UCLA was torn apart by injuries two years ago, the Bruins were forced to find a handful of backup defensive linemen to step in. Many of those reserves, underclassmen at the time, will be counted on this season. Junior Rodney Leisle has become one of the best tackles in the Pac-10. The other tackle position will be occupied by three qualified candidates — Sean Phillips, Steve Morgan and junior college standout Ryan Boschetti. The Bruins are so deep up front that they

have a set of twins, Mat and Dave Ball, playing different defensive end positions.

Marcus Reese has waited three years for his turn to start at middle linebacker. Reese has tremendous speed, but he must get more physical and become the dominant tackler on defense. Strong-side backer Brandon Chillar solidified his spot at the end of last season, when he showed that he can cover running backs and also apply pressure in the backfield. Audie Attar is the front-runner for the third linebacker spot.

The UCLA secondary is composed of two exclamation points and two question marks. Cornerbacks Matt Ware and Ricky Manning, Jr. are arguably the two best players on the team and among the best in the conference. Ware had the most interceptions of any freshman in UCLA history last year and Manning is a two-time All-Pac-10 selection. Ware got a look at free safety during spring practice and will stay there for the 2002 season if another cornerback emerges. Sophomore Ben Emanuel will start at strong safety.

Nate Fikse and Chris Griffith, paired together for the third year in a row, comprise the best kicking tandem in the Pac-10.



Tim Uniphrey

Ricky Manning, Jr.

coach Bob Toledo says, "but we've learned that sometimes, you can have too many good players and not be a good team."

Toledo was so disappointed with the on- and off-field conduct of his starting quarterback last season that he decided to open competition for the job. Even though Cory Paus threw for 2,154 yards as a sophomore, he's regressed ever since. Last year, Paus suffered from a bruised thumb, didn't make enough mid-range passes and made too many headlines with a pair of alcohol-related traffic arrests.

2 UCLA has won just two games in the month of November over the past three years.

In order to regain his starting position, Paus will have to beat out redshirt freshman John Sciarra and true freshmen Matt Moore and Drew Olson. Although Paus is ahead of the field in terms of experience, Moore is

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

SE 87 Craig Bragg (So.)	25 Ryan Smith (Jr.)
LT 78 Bryce Bohlander (Sr.)	70 Matt Mosebar (Fr.)
LG 64 Eyoseph Efseaff (So.)	74 Paul Mociler (So.)
C 57 John Ream (So.)	59 Mike McCloskey (Fr.)
RG 76 Steven Vieira (So.)	55 Shane Lehmann (Jr.)
RT 65 Mike Saffer (Sr.)	73 Ed Blanton (Fr.)
TE 18 Mike Seidman (Sr.)	89 Keith Carter (Fr.)
QB 10 Cory Paus (Sr.)	15 John Sciarra (Fr.)
FB 47 Pat Norton (So.)	45 Ray Cassaday (So.)
TB 27 Akil Harris (Jr.)	29 Manuel White (So.)
FL 1 Tab Perry (Jr.)	85 Jon Dubravac (Sr.)

Defense (5)

DE 49 Mat Ball (Jr.)	35 Asi Faoa (Jr.)
DT 92 Steve Morgan (Sr.)	75 Ryan Boschetti (Jr.)
DT 77 Rodney Leisle (Jr.)	98 Sean Phillips (Sr.)
DE 43 Dave Ball (Jr.)	94 Rusty Williams (Sr.)
LB 11 Brandon Chillar (Jr.)	33 Tim Warfield (So.)
LB 44 Marcus Reese (Sr.)	42 Dennis Link (Jr.)
LB 2 Audie Attar (Sr.)	41 Spencer Hanner (Fr.)
CB 9 Ricky Manning, Jr. (Sr.)	15 Marcus Cassel (Fr.)
CB 22 Joe Hunter (Sr.)	6 Matthew Clark (So.)
SS 24 Ben Emanuel, II (So.)	23 Jibril Raymo (So.)
FS 17 Matt Ware (So.)	20 Chad Rogers (So.)

Special Teams

K 14 Chris Griffith (Sr.)
P 19 Nate Fikse (Sr.)
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PR 9 Ricky Manning, Jr. (Sr.)

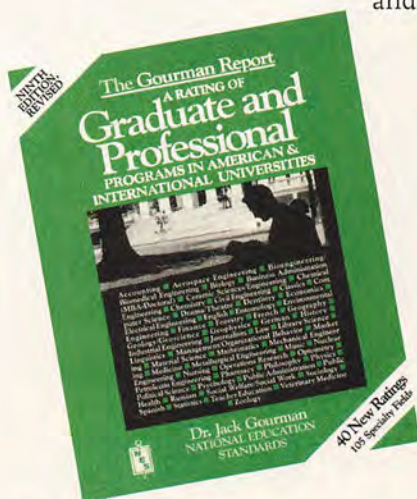
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Head Coach: Bob Toledo	2001 Record (Pac-10): 7-4 (4-4)
2002 Prediction: 5th Pac-10	Rose Bowl (91,500)

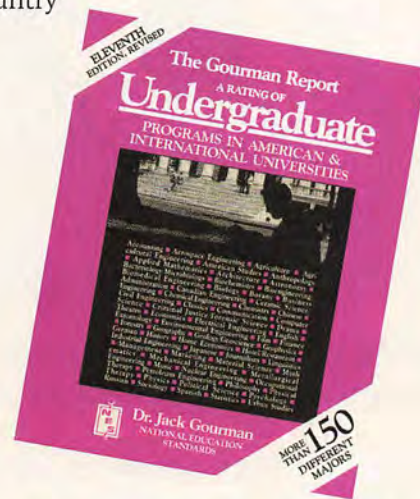
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Illinois coach Ron Turner has a lot on his mind, but one thought stands out above all others: Who will be his quarterback in 2002? Not since 1999 has Turner had this problem. Kurt Kittner guided the team to two bowl games in three years, but he's gone, leaving Turner with a couple of young and inexperienced options.

The two players looking to replace Kittner

ble Rocky Harvey and the burly Antoinio Harris. This season, with Harvey gone, Harris will try his hand as the primary back. The powerful 221-pound runner led the team in rushing last year with 626 yards despite missing two games with a broken hand. He contributed six touchdowns, including three in the season opener against California.

A very talented, experienced group of receivers returns for the Illini, including starters Brandon Lloyd and Walter Young and top reserves Greg Lewis and Aaron Moorehead.

In 2001, Lloyd led the group with 1,006 yards receiving, making him only the third Illinois receiver to top the 1,000-yard mark in a single season.

At tight end the Illini will have to replace four-year letterwinner and two-year starter Brian Hodges. Looking to jump into that role will be sophomore Anthony McClellan and junior Kenny Boyle.

Tony Pashos, the returning right tackle, was a first-team all-conference pick last season and will anchor the offensive line. He has started 35 consecutive games and could become the all-time start leader with 11 this season. The other two returning starters are left tackle Sean Bubin and sophomore right guard Patrick Babcock.

Looking to fill the spaces left by the departure of All-Big Ten performers Luke Butkus and Jay Kulaga will be sophomore Duke Preston and senior James Brown at center, and senior Dave Diehl at left guard.

Senior tackle Brett Kautter and junior end Mike O'Brien are the two starters returning along the defensive line. The two starters being replaced, Brandon Moore and Terrell Washington, combined for 91 tackles, nine sacks and 18 quarterback hurries. Derrick Strong and Jemari Perry will be competing for the open end position, while Jeff Ruffin and Jamie Hanton are battling to start at tackle.

The linebacking crew remains intact with starters Jerry Schumacher, Ty Myers and Joe Bevis returning. Schumacher, a starter the past two years, is the seasoned

veteran of the group. He moved from the outside to middle linebacker last season and led the team in tackles with 115 and earned second-team All-Big Ten honors. Myers secured the Illini's win at Ohio State with two interceptions in the final five minutes. Bevis, the final returning starter, recorded 69 tackles in 2001.

Illinois heads into 2002 with one of the strongest cornerback units in the country. During the 2001 season, All-American Eugene Wilson led the nation with 30 passes broken up and fellow starter Christian Morton had the nation's second-highest total with 26.

At safety, the outlook is not as promising due to the loss of seniors Bobby Jackson and Muhammad Abdullah. Juniors Jamaal Clark and Marc Jackson — Bobby's younger brother — and sophomores Kevin Anderson and Taman Jordan will be in the mix during preseason camp for the two safety spots.

Junior Peter Christofilakos, one of three placekickers used by Illinois last year, is the favorite to land the job this year. He hit 12-of-13 field goals from inside 40 yards and all 25 extra point attempts.



Steve Wolfmann

Antoinio Harris

are last year's No. 2 Dustin Ward and Iowa transfer Jon Beutjer. Ward has served as Kittner's relief the last two seasons and will benefit from his increased understanding of Turner's sophisticated pro-style offense. Ward completed 20-of-37 passes for 246 yards in his only career start, a 61-23 loss to Northwestern in 2000.

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Illinois sold out two games — Wisconsin and Penn State — for the first time since 1994. The Illini won both games en route to a 6-0 home record.

Beutjer enters the equation with more game experience, but not in the Illinois system. The junior was a four-game starter at Iowa in 2000, completing 61.6 percent of his passes during that time.

For the last three seasons, Illinois has split the running back position between the nim-

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

SE 18 Walter Young (Sr.)	86 Aaron Moorehead (Sr.)
LT 73 Sean Bubin (Jr.)	72 Kyle Schnettgoecke (Fr.)
LG 64 David Diehl (Sr.)	71 Bryan Koch (So.)
C 75 Duke Preston (So.)	68 James Brown (Sr.)
RG 70 Patrick Babcock (So.)	60 Aaron Hodges (Jr.)
RT 79 Tony Pashos (Sr.)	76 Clark Collins (So.)
TE 81 Anthony McClellan (So.)	89 Kenny Boyle (Jr.)
QB 11 Dustin Ward (Jr.)	7 Jon Beutjer (Sr.)
RB 31 Antoinio Harris (Sr.)	20 Morris Virgil (Fr.)
FB 24 Carey Davis (Jr.)	49 Brad Haywood (Jr.)
FL 6 Brandon Lloyd (Jr.)	17 Greg Lewis (Sr.)

Defense (7)

DE 98 Derrick Strong (Jr.)	94 Jemari Perry (Jr.)
DT 55 Brett Kautter (Sr.)	91 Charles Gilstrap (Jr.)
DT 58 Jeff Ruffin (Jr.)	92 Jamie Hanton (Sr.)
DE 93 Mike O'Brien (Jr.)	66 Brian Schaefering (So.)
LB 33 Joe Bevis (Jr.)	44 Matt Sinclair (So.)
LB 42 Jerry Schumacher (Sr.)	45 Mike Gawelek (So.)
LB 27 Ty Myers (Jr.)	52 Estus Hood (So.)
CB 28 Eugene Wilson (Sr.)	14 Nana Agyeman (Jr.)
CB 5 Christian Morton (Jr.)	8 Michael Hall (Sr.)
FS 9 Jamaal Clark (Jr.)	1 Marc Jackson (Jr.)
SS 34 Taman Jordan (So.)	16 Kevin Anderson (So.)

Special Teams

K 22 Peter Christofilakos (Jr.)
P 37 Steve Weatherford (Fr.)
KR 17 Greg Lewis (Sr.)
PR 28 Eugene Wilson (Sr.)

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BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Ron Turner	2001 Record (Big Ten): 10-2 (7-1)
2002 Prediction: 5th Big Ten	Memorial Stadium (70,900)



Oregon State beavers

NATIONAL
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RANKING

Dennis Erickson's goal is quite clear as he embarks on his fourth year at Oregon State. He must erase the vestiges of a 5-6 season when a team that some predicted for greatness never recovered after a 1-3 start that doomed Erickson to only his second losing season as a college head coach.

"Our expectations every year are to compete for the conference championship and to go to a

man. House is also tall (6'5", 227) with excellent speed and athleticism and has been in the system for three years, but he's been slowed by an injured shoulder the past two falls and has yet to prove he can stay healthy.

The Beavers believe Steven Jackson can be one of the greatest backs in school history. He must show he can carry the load in Erickson's one-back attack, because his backups are green.

Jackson has size (6'1", 226) and breakaway speed. He also returns kickoffs and had five runs or returns of 28 yards or more.

Five players with 16 or more receptions are back, led by physical, speedy slotback James Newson. He went from troubled freshman to star sophomore with a breakout season (57 catches, 968 yards) that established him as one of the Pac-10's premier receivers. Slotback Cole Clasen was solid after cracking the lineup midway through the year; he caught almost everything thrown his way. Split ends Shawn Kintner, George Gillett and Josh Hawkins have been inconsistent; Hawkins is the fastest. Erickson likes his two-tight end set, so improvement is paramount from Tim Euhus, a better receiver than blocker, and Jermaine Jackson, a better blocker than receiver.

After struggling early in their first year as starters, left tackle Lee Davis, left guard Mike Kuykendall and right guard Kanan Sanchez were solid by November and the offense showed a corresponding increase in productivity. They should be better the second time around. Major question marks include how center Matt Brock and whoever plays right tackle step in and replace Chris Gibson and Vincent Sandoval, the Beavers' best linemen in 2001.

The defensive line could be the Beavers' strongest area, anchored inside by Eric Manning and Dwan Edwards. Both can stop the run and are also fast enough to chase the quarterback. Ends Noah Happe (6'5", 237) and Dan Rothwell (6'7", 259) are quick but not especially big and sometimes get outmuscled.

Defensive line coach Michael Gray substitutes liberally so backups Bill Swancutt (left end), Alvin Steen (left end), James Lee (right tackle) and Jayson Jean-Baptiste

(right end) figure prominently as well.

Linebackers Richard Seigler and Nick Barnett earned postseason Pac-10 honors. They are big hitters who can quickly fill a gap with authority and drop into coverage. Either Erik Tuma, Seth Lacey or Jason Lowe must fill the void created by the departure of three-year starter James Allen.

Dennis Weathersby might be the Pac-10's best cornerback. Counterpart Terrell Roberts had a good first year as a starter after recovering from an early hand injury. They can cover one-on-one, freeing up the safeties for run support. Free safety Mitch Meeuwse had seven takeaways, and junior college transfers Brandon Catenese and Lawrence Turner are expected to make immediate contributions.

A late-season slump by 2001 all-league placekicker Ryan Cesca opened the door for backup Kirk Yliniemi, giving the Beavers two experienced kickers. Punter Carl Tobey was adequate as a first-year starter but needs to develop more hang time to offset his unspectacular 39.2-yard average.

Jackson returned some kickoffs and had an 89-yard TD against Northern Arizona. An upgrade is necessary on punt returns.

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

SE	6 George Gillett (So.)	10 Shawn Kintner (Sr.)
WR	8 Cole Clasen (So.)	1 Kenny Farley (Jr.)
LT	76 Lee Davis (Sr.)	62 Brian Kilkenney (Jr.)
LG	70 Mike Kuykendall (Sr.)	66 Matt Davis (Jr.)
C	73 Matt Brock (So.)	75 David Lose (Jr.)
RG	55 Kanan Sanchez (So.)	78 Brent Bridges (Jr.)
RT	65 Doug Nienhuis (So.)	69 Isaac Aronson (Jr.)
TE	84 Tim Euhus (Jr.)	87 Jermaine Jackson (Sr.)
QB	14 Derek Anderson (So.)	16 Shayne House (Jr.)
TB	33 Steven Jackson (So.)	29 Dwight Wright (So.)
FL	2 James Newson (Jr.)	19 Seth Trimmer (Sr.)

Defense (8)

DE	91 Noah Happe (Jr.)	47 Jayson Jean-Baptiste (Jr.)
DT	99 Eric Manning (Sr.)	64 James Lee (Sr.)
DT	98 Dwan Edwards (Jr.)	95 Henry Anderson (Fr.)
DE	59 Dan Rothwell (Jr.)	90 Bill Swancutt (So.)
LB	42 Nick Barnett (Sr.)	22 Jason Jacobs (Jr.)
LB	51 Richard Seigler (Jr.)	40 Jonathan Pollard (So.)
LB	58 Erik Tuma (Sr.)	50 Seth Lacey (So.)
CB	3 Terrell Roberts (Sr.)	8 Aric Williams (So.)
CB	21 Dennis Weathersby (Sr.)	26 Rodney Landingham (Fr.)
SS	7 Lawrence Turner (Jr.)	9 Shamon Jamerson (Jr.)
FS	5 Mitch Meeuwse (So.)	31 Brandon Catenese (Jr.)

Special Teams

K	41 Ryan Cesca (Sr.)
P	48 Carl Tobey (Jr.)
KR	33 Steven Jackson (So.)
PR	82 Josh Hawkins (So.)

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BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Dennis Erickson 2001 Record (Pac-10): 5-6 (3-5)
2002 Prediction: 6th Pac-10 Reser Stadium (35,362)



Peter Brouillet

Dennis Weathersby

bowl game, and that will never change," he says. With eight defensive starters returning, a host of promising offensive threats and a not-too-taxing schedule that includes seven home games, Erickson should find himself returning to familiar territory this December.

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Tailback Steven Jackson averaged 5.3 yards per carry as a true freshman backup and had his best games against UCLA, USC and Washington.

Whoever starts at quarterback will be bigger and more athletic than predecessor Jonathan Smith. The key will be how quickly either Derek Anderson or Shayne House learns the system, which was Smith's forte.

Anderson has a great arm, and his stature (6'6", 234) gives him a good view of the field, but as expected he sometimes seemed over-matched in brief appearances as a true fresh-

Two decades after helping Hayden Fry rebuild the Iowa football program, Kirk Ferentz is leading his own Hawkeye resurgence.

Iowa has been on a slow but steady rise back to respectability since Ferentz replaced Fry, who retired following a 3-8 season in 1998. After winning just one game in 1999 and three in 2000, the Hawkeyes climbed to 7-5 last

season because of academic problems.

And while replacing Betts is the primary concern, somebody also has to fill the void left by Jeremy Allen at fullback. Edgar Cervantes and Aaron Mickens are the top two candidates.

Kahlil Hill helped make up for the loss of former All-Big Ten receiver Kevin Kasper last season by leading the team in virtually every receiving category. Now the question is, who will replace Hill as the go-to receiver this season? The Iowa staff is hoping senior C.J. Jones, who finished third on the team last season with 34 catches for 434 yards, can fill that role.

Somebody also has to replace Chris Oliver, who caught 18 passes for 152 yards and one touchdown last season. The most likely candidates are junior Maurice Brown and redshirt freshmen Ed Hinkel and Darius Butler.

The good news is that nobody has to replace Dallas Clark (34 catches, 509 yards in '01) at tight end.

Last season, Ferentz was faced with the challenge of building an offensive line to complement a group of talented and experienced skill players. What a difference one year makes.

Iowa has eight offensive linemen returning with starting experience, including center Bruce Nelson, who has started 35 consecutive games. Guard Eric Steinbach made first-team All-Big Ten last season, despite missing three games with an elbow injury. Iowa received a major boost from the NCAA when tackle David Porter was granted another season of eligibility under the medical hardship rule.

Colin Cole as the only returning starter from a defensive line which helped Iowa finish second in the Big Ten in rushing defense. Cole has switched back to tackle after playing defensive end last season. Tackle Jared Clauss gained valuable experience last season as a reserve and part-time starter. Clauss finished with 27 tackles, including six for a loss.

Texas natives Howard Hodges and Jonathan Babineaux are expected to start

at both end positions.

There is plenty of depth at linebacker to compensate for the loss of Mike Dolezal and Roger Meyer, who combined for 156 tackles as seniors last season. Fred Barr finished second on the team last season as a junior with 109 tackles, including 69 solo stops. He will be joined in the starting lineup by juniors Grant Steen and Kevin Worthy. Steen, a former walk-on, had 59 tackles last season.

Strong safety Bob Sanders is back to inflict pain on opponents for another season. Sanders is considered one of the hardest hitters in the Big Ten, despite his small stature (5'8", 194). Cornerback Benny Sapp returns after leading Iowa with 12 pass break-ups last season. Rounding out the secondary will be safety Derek Pagel and cornerback D.J. Johnson.

The kicking game is solid with junior Nate Kaeding showing star potential. Kaeding made 8-of-11 field goal attempts in the regular season then hit 4-of-5 in the bowl game, including the game-winner in the final minute.

The problem is at punter, where David Bradley averaged just 36.8 yards on 36 attempts last season.



Bob Sanders

season, which culminated with a 19-16 victory over Texas Tech in the Alamo Bowl.

Brad Banks beat out Nathan Chandler in the spring in a battle of former junior college stars for the starting assignment at quarterback. Banks served as Kyle McCann's backup during the 2001 season and showed a knack for making big plays. He threw for 582 yards and four touchdowns and rushed for 160 yards.

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Iowa has started the game on offense 29 straight times over the past three seasons.

This season will mark the first time since early in the 1998 campaign that somebody besides Ladell Betts will be Iowa's featured running back. Aaron Greiving is expected to assume that role after serving as Betts' understudy last season. Greiving gave Hawkeye fans a reason to be excited with a 115-yard performance in the Alamo Bowl.

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

SE 11 Ed Hinkel (Fr.)	85 Darius Butler (Fr.)
LT 78 Robert Gallery (Jr.)	65 Ben Sobieski (Sr.)
LG 56 Eric Steinbach (Sr.)	75 Kory Borchers (Jr.)
C 72 Bruce Nelson (Sr.)	64 Pete Traynor (Sr.)
RG 70 Andy Lightfoot (Sr.)	77 Sam Aiello (Jr.)
RT 73 David Porter (Sr.)	69 Pete McMahon (So.)
TE 44 Dallas Clark (Jr.)	35 Erik Jensen (Jr.)
QB 7 Brad Banks (Sr.)	10 Nathan Chandler (Jr.)
WR 8 C.J. Jones (Sr.)	13 Ramon Ochoa (Jr.)
RB 34 Aaron Greiving (Jr.)	2 Fred Russell (Jr.)
FB 40 Edgar Cervantes (Jr.)	43 Aaron Mickens (So.)

Defense (7)

DE 45 Jonathan Babineaux (Jr.)	38 Matt Neubauer (Fr.)
DT 94 Colin Cole (Sr.)	97 Fabian Dodd (Fr.)
DT 90 Jared Clauss (Jr.)	58 Scott Webb (Sr.)
DE 48 Howard Hodges (Jr.)	98 Derreck Robinson (So.)
LB 42 Grant Steen (Jr.)	31 Matt Roth (So.)
LB 51 Fred Barr (Sr.)	52 Abdul Hodge (Fr.)
LB 53 Kevin Worthy (Jr.)	18 Chad Greenway (Fr.)
CB 5 D.J. Johnson (Sr.)	36 Chigozie Ejiashi (So.)
CB 19 Benny Sapp (Jr.)	26 Antwan Allen (Fr.)
SS 33 Bob Sanders (Jr.)	20 Chris Smith (Jr.)
FS 25 Derek Pagel (Sr.)	37 Sean Considine (So.)

Special Teams

K 95 Nate Kaeding (Jr.)
P 28 David Bradley (So.)
KR 2 Fred Russell (Jr.)
PR 2 Fred Russell (Jr.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Kirk Ferentz

2001 Record (Big Ten): 7-5 (4-4)

2002 Prediction: 6th Big Ten

Kinnick Stadium (70,397)



Colorado State rams

NATIONAL
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RANKING

Looking back, Colorado State coach Sonny Lubick isn't sure how his Rams pulled off a winning season in 2001.

The Rams were decimated by injuries, had major problems at quarterback and played the most porous defense since Lubick arrived in Fort Collins in 1993. Still, they still managed to finish second in the Mountain West Conference and beat North Texas in the inaugural New Orleans Bowl.

became the full-time starter, the Rams went 5-3. Busch transferred, leaving the job to Van Pelt, who made significant strides in the spring. CSU has even altered its offense to suit Van Pelt's running skills, adding the option and shotgun to an attack that used to be pure pro-style, drop-back passing.

Should Van Pelt falter, redshirt freshman Justin Holland, a former *Parade* All-American, is waiting to show off his considerable skills.

CSU's season fell apart last fall when bruising running back Cecil Sapp was lost for the season after a benign tumor had to be surgically removed from his heel. Sapp is back, however, and ready to pick up where he left off in 2000 when he was All-MWC and the Liberty Bowl MVP. Backing up Sapp in the Rams' one-back set is Henri Childs, who gained 841 yards last year.

The wideouts will be young but talented. Steady senior Joey Cuppari is the leader, with juniors Chris Pittman and Eric Hill providing speed on the outside. The Rams will get some help from Childs, who will see time in the backfield and at receiver.

CSU has an emerging star in tight end/H-back Joel Dreessen, who tied for second on the team with 22

catches last fall.

You would think that after losing three starters, offensive line coach John Benton would be worried. Think again. "For the first time, we have quality depth and competition at every position," Benton says.

The holdovers are guard Morgan Pears and center Mark Dreyer, but Erik Pears (Morgan's brother) and Aaron Green started eight games between them. Red-shirt freshmen Albert Bimper and Mike Brisiel are rising stars.

The defensive line could be CSU's make-or-break position in 2002. Injuries and inexperience led to a dramatic drop-off in production up front last season as opposing offenses rambled for 427.5 yards per game, the most in the Lubick era.

Patrick Goodpaster returns at tackle from a horrific accident that nearly severed his arm in November. Bryan Save and Jonathan Simon both show promise. The ends should be solid, with two-year

starter Pete Hogan and the relentless Wallace Thomas starting.

If Lubick is losing sleep at night, it's not over his linebackers. This is the strongest area on the team, with all three junior starters and several key backups returning. All-MWC outside linebacker Eric Pauly returns after leading the league with 115 tackles, while Drew Wood had 96 in the middle. Adam Wade, a two-year starter, is backing up Pauly to make room for Andre Sommersell, a former defensive end.

The secondary is a big area of concern — and also where the most changes have been made. The Rams lost their top three safeties and return no one with significant experience, so fullback Rahsaan Sanders and middle linebacker David Vickers have switched positions.

While there are plenty of concerns at safety, there are none at cornerback. Dexter Wynn, perhaps the team's best athlete, returns as a starter; senior Rhett Nelson was a part-time starter in 2001.

The Rams feature one of the nation's top punters in senior Joey Huber. CSU needs a new kicker but has a pair of talented youngsters in Jeff Babcock and Kevin Mark vying for the job.

Depth Chart

Offense (4)

WR 87 Joey Cuppari (Sr.)	85 Eric Hill (Jr.)
WR 6 Chris Pittman (Jr.)	83 Russell Sprague (Jr.)
WT 64 Aaron Green (Sr.)	71 Jason Speciner (So.)
WG 69 Morgan Pears (Sr.)	63 Mike Brisiel (Fr.)
C 70 Mark Dreyer (Jr.)	62 Jon Van Lant (So.)
SG 77 Albert Bimper (Fr.)	76 Terrell Gardner (Jr.)
ST 74 Erik Pears (So.)	75 Zeke Hacker (Jr.)
TE 89 James Sondrup (Jr.)	86 Matt Baldischwiler (So.)
QB 11 Bradlee Van Pelt (Jr.)	8 Justin Holland (Fr.)
HB 81 Joel Dreessen (So.)	88 Brandon Alconcel (Fr.)
RB 32 Cecil Sapp (Jr.)	28 Henri Childs (Sr.)

Defense (6)

DE 46 Peter Hogan (Sr.)	86 Terrance Carter (Fr.)
NT 95 Bryan Save (Jr.)	57 Lavell Mann (Jr.)
DT 99 Patrick Goodpaster (So.)	91 Jonathan Simon (So.)
DE 84 Wallace Thomas (Sr.)	36 Mike Vomhof (So.)
LB 96 Andre Sommersell (Jr.)	44 Doug Heald (Sr.)
LB 50 Drew Wood (Jr.)	45 Jeff Flora (So.)
LB 33 Eric Pauly (Jr.)	9 Adam Wade (Jr.)
CB 20 Rhett Nelson (Sr.)	35 Jesse Rivers (Fr.)
CB 5 Dexter Wynn (Jr.)	19 Jason Sanchez (So.)
SS 37 David Vickers (Sr.)	10 Landon Jones (So.)
FS 3 Rahsaan Sanders (Jr.)	7 Travis Campbell (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 14 Jeff Babcock (So.)
P 34 Joey Huber (Sr.)
KR 5 Dexter Wynn (Jr.)
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BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Sonny Lubick
2002 Prediction: 3rd MWC

2001 Record (MWC): 7-5 (5-2)
Hughes Stadium (30,000)



Tim Jackson

Bradlee Van Pelt

As he looks ahead to 2002, a sly smile stretches across Lubick's face. The Rams should be vastly improved — particularly on offense. "Last year, it seemed like every game was 17-14," he says. "I know one thing about this team: The difference on offense this season will be like night and day."

100 Bradlee Van Pelt became the first CSU quarterback to rush for 100 yards in a game since 1989 and just the third Ram QB to accomplish the feat since 1978. He topped the 100-yard mark twice in 2001.

The Rams' problems in 2001 can be directly traced to uncertainty at quarterback. D.J. Busch and Bradlee Van Pelt opened the season sharing time, and that experiment yielded a rather ugly 2-2 start. After Van Pelt, a gifted runner with shaky passing skills (48.5 completion percentage, 10 interceptions),

It seems the Syracuse University football team performs best when little is expected. Well, the Orangemen might be at their best again. Few think this team is capable of duplicating last year's improbable 10-win season.

Gone are two dozen seniors, including All-America defensive end Dwight Freeney. But at least there's no quarterback battle. The Orangemen actually have a starter, something

promise has yet to materialize. Ferri has struggled with ankle injuries but clearly established himself as the No. 2 back. Ferri was suspended for spring practice for breaking team rules, so his status for the opener is murky.

Syracuse has three experienced fullbacks in Chris Davis, Thump Belton and George Scott.

Johnnie Morant is an enigma. One of the great recruits landed by SU in recent years, he is everything coaches could physically want in a receiver. But that has not translated to production. Morant did establish his presence last season as a deep threat, but he needs to make more than 18 catches. David Tyree and Jamel Riddle are solid players, though both need to be more consistent.

At tight end, Lenny Cusumano can be a force when he's healthy. Joe Donnelly is on the small side but is an excellent receiver. The Orangemen are hoping David Hohensee, the group's most physical tight end, can win a pending eligibility appeal.

The success of Syracuse's offense this season rests on the line. Junior center Nick Romeo, an undersized but tenacious competitor, is the lone returning starter.

Kevin Sampson played in a rotation at one of the tackle spots and is developing into

one of the unit's best players. Erik Kaloyanides will start at guard and should provide leadership. The other two starters will likely be Matt Tarullo at guard and Adam Terry at tackle. Both are raw, homegrown linemen with lots of potential.

The strength of the football team may be on the defensive line. Two starters return in end Josh Thomas and tackle Christian Ferrara. Thomas blossomed quietly opposite Freeney last season. He has the size and motor to be a force. Ferrara is one of the league's most underrated players. Tackle Louis Gachelin, a backup in 2001, is Syracuse's strongest player.

As for Freeney's old spot? SU has a cupboard full of young players. Julian Pollard, Ryan LaCasse, James Wyche and Tommy Harris represent the next wave.

Clifton Smith is entering his fourth year as the starter at middle linebacker. He earned first-team all-conference honors despite playing the entire 2001 season with

a torn pectoral muscle. Smith expects to be 100 percent by the opener. He is a rock and the reason SU's defense should be among the league's best.

Jameel Dumas is being moved from the strong side to the weak side and is one of the unit's best athletes. Rich Scanlon is the strong-side starter. Syracuse lacks depth here.

The Orange secondary loses a major star in free safety Quentin Harris. They also lose a solid corner in Willie Ford. Yet the secondary should be solid again. Will Hunter and Latroy Oliver have starting experience at cornerback. Keon Walker returns at strong safety, though he must improve his tackling. The newcomer to the unit is senior Maurice McClain, a hard-hitting free safety who takes over for Harris. If he falters, O'Neil Scott should step in.

Mike Shafer, a second-team All-Big East pick, was an unsung hero last year because of his deft punting skills. Collin Barber emerged as Syracuse's kicker after Shafer and freshman Justin Sujansky stumbled. Barber made 5-of-6 field goals and has settled a troubled spot. Riddle was among the nation's best punt returners last season. Morant and Steve Gregory look like the top candidates at kick returner.



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David Tyree

they've struggled to find since Donovan McNabb took his last snap in 1998. Junior R.J. Anderson has won the job and solidified one of the team's most troubled positions. He is 11-2 overall as a starter and was 8-1 last season once he took the job away from Troy Nunes.

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Syracuse has won eight straight games in a season three times in the past six years.

Anderson threw just two interceptions last season and is not fumble-prone. He must improve his passing accuracy and consistency; he rallied to reach 50 percent by season's end.

Walter Reyes, Diamond Ferri and Barry Baker form a rotation at tailback. Divvying up the carries is the tricky part. The Orangemen improve significantly in the speed department with Reyes and Ferri. Reyes is the faster of the two (4.3 40-yard dash), but his big-play

Depth Chart

Offense (2)

WR 81 David Tyree (Sr.)	12 Jared Jones (So.)
WR 2 Johnnie Morant (Jr.)	14 Jamel Riddle (Jr.)
T 78 Adam Terry (So.)	72 Jason Greene (Fr.)
G 73 Erik Kaloyanides (Sr.)	77 Tim Carignan (Fr.)
C 61 Nick Romeo (Jr.)	68 Chris Buda (Jr.)
G 75 Matt Tarullo (So.)	95 Charles Simpson (Jr.)
T 74 Kevin Sampson (Jr.)	79 Jared Pierce (Fr.)
TE 87 David Hohensee (Sr.)	41 Lenny Cusumano (Jr.)
QB 5 R.J. Anderson (Jr.)	11 Troy Nunes (Sr.)
TB 39 Walter Reyes (So.)	22 Diamond Ferri (Jr.)
FB 34 Chris Davis (Sr.)	43 Thump Belton (Jr.)

Defense (6)

DE 97 Josh Thomas (Jr.)	90 James Wyche (Fr.)
DT 93 Christian Ferrara (Jr.)	49 Billy Wilson (Fr.)
NT 99 Louis Gachelin (Jr.)	96 Brian Hooper (So.)
DE 56 Julian Pollard (So.)	94 Ryan LaCasse (Fr.)
LB 57 Rich Scanlon (Jr.)	31 Kellen Pruitt (Fr.)
LB 9 Clifton Smith (Sr.)	58 James Dumervil (So.)
LB 50 Jameel Dumas (Jr.)	52 Jose Harris (Jr.)
CB 3 Latroy Oliver (Sr.)	17 B. J. Darnell (Sr.)
CB 30 Will Hunter (Sr.)	25 Steve Gregory (Fr.)
SS 28 Keon Walker (Sr.)	18 Troy Swittenburg (So.)
FS 6 Maurice McClain (Sr.)	21 O'Neil Scott (So.)

Special Teams

K 19 Collin Barber (So.)
P 36 Mike Shafer (Sr.)
KR 3 Latroy Oliver (Sr.)
PR 14 Jamel Riddle (Jr.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Paul Pasqualoni 2001 Record (Big East): 10-3 (6-1)
2002 Prediction: 4th Big East Carrier Dome (49,550)



There was a time when a 6-6 season was cause for celebration at Kansas State. But after four consecutive 11-win years, the Wildcat Nation is wondering what caused them to fall out of the rankings for the first time in more than six years and what they have to do to get back there.

There's a crystal plaque that sits on Snyder's desk with the word "persistence" etched on it.

him so effective — at times — a year ago.

Dunn, who started two games but played substantial roles in others, hurts opponents mostly with his arm and has an equally good shot as emerging as the starter.

The Wildcats must rely on a talented stable of backs who lack only experience. "We're loaded," says running backs coach Michael Smith, whose group ranked fifth in the nation with 257.7 rushing yards per game last season.

Junior college transfer Daniel Davis arrived in the spring and brings a combination of threats. Sophomore Darren Sproles is 5'7" but averaged 7.5 yards on 28 carries last year and possesses blazing speed that made him a backfield sensation. Danny Morris is a rangy runner who can run between the tackles, but he's likely to end up playing receiver.

The Wildcat receivers were non-factors last year. That will have to change, and the Wildcats might look for a quick fix from three junior college receivers measuring 6'3" or better. James Terry is the tallest at 6'5", while John Cooper and Tony Madison are each 6'3". All could fight for a starting spot.

The Wildcats don't use tight ends in the passing game, but that's something they might have to consider if Dunn wins the QB job and they go to more quick timing routes to give additional options for quick passes.

Last year's weakness could turn into a strength as K-State welcomes in seven new linemen to thicken a thin offensive line.

Peni Holakeituai and Jesse Keaulana-Kamakea of Hawaii and Ryan Lilja were solid blockers in the junior college ranks. Steve Washington should get the start at center, while senior Thomas Barnett will line up at left tackle after being awarded a medical redshirt. Nick Leckey and Billy Miller are the top two candidates at right guard.

The defensive attack will start with experienced defensive ends. Henry Bryant started every game last season and his three sacks leads returning defensive players. Bryant, Andrew Shull, Thomas Houchin and Melvin Williams are com-

peting for two starting positions, but all four figure to see significant playing time in the fall.

The interior line is expected to feature tackle Tank Reese, the 2001 Big 12 Defensive Newcomer of the Year, Justin Montgomery and Corey White.

Middle linebacker Terry Pierce is a rising star with All-America potential. His 11 tackles for a loss are the most of any returning player.

Weak-side linebacker Josh Buhl recorded 68 tackles as a sophomore last fall. Andy Klocke and Bryan Hickman are expected to battle for the strong side spot.

Terence Newman is one of the top cornerbacks in the nation and should be on the All-America lists. He has sprinter's speed, led the team with 14 passes defended and finished second with three interceptions.

David Rose and James Dunnigan could battle for the other starting spot, while transfers Louis Lavender and Randy Jordan could make an impact. The safety spots are wide open as Rashad Washington and Bobby Walker could fill starting roles, but athletic Jesse Tetuan and Travis Horchem could find some playing time.



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Ell Roberson

It might as well have "attitude" or "hard work" etched there because that's the approach the blue-collar Wildcats take as they embark on a schedule with a school-record eight home games.

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K-State has won 34 consecutive games at home against non-conference opponents. That streak will be put to the test when USC comes calling on Sept. 21.

The big question that persisted last season could continue heading into the fall. Ell Roberson and Marc Dunn contributed to the program's lowest passing yardage total (1,497) in 15 seasons, and Snyder might not decide on his starter again until just before the season-opener.

Roberson, who spent the spring recovering from surgery to his right big toe, is expected to bring the same elusive moves that made

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

WR 85 John Cooper (Jr.)	9 Derrick Evans (Jr.)
WR 15 Davin Dennis (Fr.)	34 Danny Morris (Jr.)
WR* 8 Taco Wallace (Sr.)	82 James Terry (Jr.)
LT 65 Thomas Barnett (Sr.)	54 Peni Holakeituai (Jr.)
LG 67 Jesse Keaulana-Kamakea (Jr.)	60 Mike Johnson (So.)
C 78 Steve Washington (Sr.)	53 Nick Leckey (Jr.)
RG 53 Nick Leckey (Jr.)	55 Billy Miller (Sr.)
RT 75 Dralinn Burks (Sr.)	73 Ben Rettele (Jr.)
TE 80 Travon Magee (Jr.)	84 Brian Lamone (Sr.)
QB 3 Ell Roberson (Jr.)	5 Marc Dunn (Sr.)
RB 43 Darren Sproles (So.)	6 Daniel Davis (Jr.)
FB 44 Travis Wilson (Jr.)	36 Ayo Saba (Fr.)

Defense (7)

DE 98 Andrew Shull (Jr.)	94 Thomas Houchin (Jr.)
DT 30 Tank Reese (Sr.)	91 Jermaine Berry (Jr.)
NT 92 Justin Montgomery (Jr.)	62 Corey White (Sr.)
DE 90 Henry Bryant (Sr.)	97 Melvin Williams (Sr.)
LB 7 Josh Buhl (Jr.)	57 Maurice Thurmond (So.)
LB 56 Terry Pierce (Jr.)	59 Matt Butler (Fr.)
LB 18 Bryan Hickman (Jr.)	51 Andy Klocke (Sr.)
CB 33 James Dunnigan (Sr.)	28 David Rose (So.)
CB 4 Terence Newman (Sr.)	38 Louis Lavender (Jr.)
FS 1 Bobby Walker (Sr.)	23 Jesse Tetuan (Fr.)
SS 2 Rashad Washington (Jr.)	31 Marcus Patton (So.)

Special Teams

K 15 Joe Rheem (So.)
P 10 Travis Brown (Sr.)
KR 4 Terence Newman (Sr.)
PR 4 Terence Newman (Sr.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters

BOLD indicates returning starters

*The 12 offensive positions represent KSU's multiple formations.

Head Coach: Bill Snyder

2001 Record (Big 12): 6-6 (3-5)

2002 Prediction: 3rd Big 12 North

KSU Stadium (50,000)

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The believers filled a hotel ballroom, a record crowd of 1,500 for the annual dinner of the Notre Dame Club of Chicago. And when Tyrone Willingham, the new head football coach of the Fighting Irish, was introduced, they stood and cheered. He spoke of toughness and intelligence, and then he said the words the crowd wanted to hear:

"And the option is no longer in the sys-

tem to the new approach. Holiday's total of 666 rushing yards last season was the third-most productive of any Irish quarterback, but his improvement in the passing game will determine his future.

This season will define the college career of tailback Julius Jones. He possesses the speed the Irish desperately need to reach an elite level, and he made an impact from the beginning. But he has also dealt with injuries. If Jones can duplicate his 2001 rushing total of 718 yards this season, he would become the fifth-leading rusher in school history. Ryan Grant, who emerged at the end of last season, could receive significant playing time. Tom Lopienski, a bruising blocker and capable receiver, is the leader at fullback.

The transition to a passing offense will provide a quick answer to a vexing question: Are the Irish receivers talented young players who have been underutilized, or has there been a reason for the lack of opportunities? Junior Omar Jenkins, with seven catches for 111 yards last season, leads the returning receivers. Fifth-year senior Arnaz Battle, a converted quarterback, has five receptions in his college career. A door could open for true freshman Maurice Stovall.

Senior tight end Gary Godsey, another former starting quarterback, should benefit from an expanded passing game.

Senior center Jeff Faine, with 23 consecutive starts, has been an emotional leader on the offensive line. Tackles Jordan Black and Brennan Curtin and guards Sean Mahan and Sean Milligan are returning starters with a proven ability to produce a successful running game. The development of Mark LeVoi, a 6'7", 309-pound sophomore tackle, could strengthen the group.

The defensive interior should be a strength as long as senior tackle Darrell Campbell and senior nose guard Cedric Hilliard can remain healthy and continue to improve. Junior Greg Pauly, whose career was delayed by a knee injury, and up-and-coming sophomore Jeff Thompson can add much-needed depth at tackle and nose guard. Ryan Roberts has devel-

oped into Notre Dame's most reliable player at end.

Senior Courtney Watson, the second-leading tackler for the Irish last season, is the only returning linebacker with any significant playing time. Fifth-year senior Carlos Pierre-Antoine and junior Mike Goolsby have disappeared since entering Notre Dame as High School All-Americans. Juniors Derek Curry and Jerome Collins have limited experience on the outside.

Shane Walton came to Notre Dame as a soccer player and has developed into the team's best cover corner. Vontez Duff, who led the 2001 Irish with three interceptions, and senior Jason Beckstrom, who ran back one pick for a score, add speed at the corner positions. Safeties Glenn Earl and Gerome Sapp excel in run support.

Placekicker Nicholas Setta has been a difference-maker. He made 15-of-17 kicks last season, including 8-of-8 from 40 yards and longer. Punter Joey Hildbold has been a finalist for the Ray Guy Award for the last two seasons. Jones needs just 179 yards to surpass 1987 Heisman Trophy winner Tim Brown, the leading kick returner in school history.



David Preston

Julius Jones

tem," Willingham said. He then had to pause because of all the noise.

Quarterbacks Matt LoVecchio and Carlyle Holiday have competed for opportunities from the start of their college careers, and that has not changed. What has changed is the structure of the offense, from an option approach to the West Coast offense that Willingham brought from Stanford.

9 Nine teams that played in bowl games after the 2001 season appear on the 2002 Notre Dame schedule.

LoVecchio's remarkable freshman season in 2000 — he won his first seven starts — culminated with a Fiesta Bowl bid, and his style would seem to be better suited to the new scheme. Holiday, whose game-breaking potential as a runner made him a starter last season, has accepted the challenge of adapting

Depth Chart

Offense (8)

SE 80 Omar Jenkins (Jr.)	18 Ronnie Rodamer (Jr.)
LT 63 Brennan Curtin (Sr.)	70 Jim Molinaro (Sr.)
LG 79 Sean Mahan (Sr.)	67 Ryan Gillis (Sr.)
C 52 Jeff Faine (Sr.)	55 Zachary Giles (So.)
RG 65 Sean Milligan (Sr.)	72 Ryan Scarola (Sr.)
RT 78 Jordan Black (Sr.)	73 Mark LeVoi (So.)
TE 14 Gary Godsey (Sr.)	85 Billy Palmer (Jr.)
FL 3 Arnaz Battle (Sr.)	6 Carlos Campbell (So.)
QB 7 Carlyle Holiday (Jr.)	10 Matt LoVecchio (Jr.)
FB 36 Tom Lopienski (Sr.)	47 Mike McNair (Sr.)
TB 22 Julius Jones (Sr.)	4 Ryan Grant (So.)

Defense (7)

LE 92 Kyle Budinscak (Jr.)	99 Jason Sapp (Jr.)
T 60 Darrell Campbell (Sr.)	77 Greg Pauly (Jr.)
NG 50 Cedric Hilliard (Sr.)	91 Jeff Thompson (So.)
RE 95 Ryan Roberts (Sr.)	90 Brian Beidatsch (So.)
LB 49 Derek Curry (Jr.)	80 Jerome Collins (Jr.)
LB 2 Carlos Pierre-Antoine (Sr.)	41 Mike Goolsby (Jr.)
LB 33 Courtney Watson (Sr.)	56 Pat Ryan (Sr.)
LC 42 Shane Walton (Sr.)	9 Jason Beckstrom (Sr.)
RC 34 Vontez Duff (Jr.)	37 Dwight Ellick (So.)
SS 20 Gerome Sapp (Sr.)	43 Rashon Powers-Neal (So.)
FS 18 Glenn Earl (Sr.)	27 Lionel Bolen (So.)

Special Teams

K 13 Nicholas Setta (Sr.)
P 17 Joey Hildbold (Sr.)
KR 22 Julius Jones (Sr.)
PR 34 Vontez Duff (Jr.)

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BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Tyrone Willingham

2001 Record: 5-6

Notre Dame Stadium (80,795)

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Clemson has what it takes to improve on a 7-5 season that ended with a Humanitarian Bowl victory over Louisiana Tech. Of the 44 players on that game's two-deep roster, 34 are back.

For Clemson to reach the realistic goal of finishing second in the ACC behind Florida State, the Tigers must get production from a post-Woodrow Dantzler quarterback, either

playing time. He's a resourceful drop-back type with a strong arm and nice touch.

Bowden wants a workhorse to emerge in the backfield. Bernard Rambert is the leading candidate following his superb effort in the Humanitarian Bowl (101 yards rushing, 77 yards receiving). He has improved his pass-catching skills to go with inside toughness and an outside burst but hasn't proven himself over a long stretch. With the departed Travis Zachery getting most of the carries in 2001, Keith Kelly was redshirted. He averaged 5.0 yards per carry (243 total yards) as a freshman in 2000.

Few teams have as much pass-catching talent or as many big-play threats. The core is a sophomore class featuring Derrick Hamilton, Roscoe Crosby and Airese Currie. Kevin Youngblood was projected as the go-to guy a year ago but broke his leg in August and missed the season. At 6'5", he's an inviting goal-line and possession target. J.J. McKelvey is a physical, 6'4" deep threat. Jackie Robinson has made 16 starts over the last two seasons but has had trouble staying healthy.

Clemson loses four starters on the offensive line but there are plenty of talented — but untested — youngsters ready

to take on pivotal roles.

Left tackle Gary Byrd, a prototype blind side pass protector, is the returning starter. Right tackle Derrick Brantley got five starts, and his physical, run-blocking skills earned him more playing time down the stretch. Center Cedric Johnson is a load who was switched from guard before spring practice. The guards are particularly inexperienced.

Foes had more sacks than Clemson in six games in 2001, a thorn for a program that prides itself on pocket pressure. Lovett's four-man front has two-deep rotation depth, and there were encouraging signs late last season and in spring. Right end Bryant McNeal (eight sacks) has a quick burst and is a formidable outside rusher. Right tackle Nick Eason is solid but will be pushed by Todd McClinton, new to defense after struggling as a top tight end prospect. Left tackle Donnell Washington, perhaps the top NFL

prospect on the line, is a wide-body run-stuffer who really came on as pass rusher as a redshirt freshman. Khaleed Vaughn and Maurice Fountain will share the left end spot.

Outside linebacker John Leake personifies the new Clemson linebacker profile: a little smaller, a lot quicker. Middle linebacker Rodney Thomas gets to the ballcarrier in a hurry and is a ferocious tackler. Outside linebacker Eric Sampson is strong enough to take on blockers while making plays and as a freshman reminded veteran Clemson fans of former Tiger Levon Kirkland.

The secondary was picked apart at times last year, both individually and as a group. Three starters return: cornerbacks Brian Mance and Kevin Johnson and free safety Eric Meekins, who moves from strong safety. The coaches hope former linebacker Altroly Bodrick, who sat out last season with a torn ACL, can provide a lift at strong safety.

Aaron Hunt made 10-of-12 field goals and 44-of-45 extra points. Bowden will accept the consistency over the lack of range. Punter Wynn Kopp, a transfer from Georgia, hopes to bounce back from a disappointing first season at Clemson.



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Derrick Hamilton

Willie Simmons or Charlie Whitehurst, and consistency from a defense led by new coordinator John Lovett.

A Four freshmen scored touchdowns in Clemson's 49-24 Humanitarian Bowl win over Louisiana Tech: wideouts Roscoe Crosby, Airese Currie and Derrick Hamilton and tight end Ben Hall.

Dantzler became the first Division I quarterback to pass for 2,000 yards and rush for 1,000 yards in the same season. Simmons has been groomed as the heir apparent. He doesn't run as well as Dantzler but actually fits better into the quick-trigger, spread offense Bowden brought from Tulane. "Willie has had three years in our system," Bowden says. "If you had to draw up a scenario for replacing your starting quarterback, this is it."

Whitehurst, a redshirt freshman, really came on in spring practice and should see

Depth Chart

Offense (4)

WR 17 Kevin Youngblood (Jr.)	25 Roscoe Crosby (So.)
WR 9 Airese Currie (So.)	85 Ronnie Thomas (So.)
WR 21 Derrick Hamilton (So.)	9 Airese Currie (So.)
WR 82 Jackie Robinson (Sr.)	84 J.J. McKelvey (Sr.)
RT 71 Derrick Brantley (Sr.)	75 Nate Gillespie (Sr.)
RG 74 Nick Black (Jr.)	78 Greg Walker (Jr.)
C 65 Cedric Johnson (So.)	64 Chip Myrick (Fr.)
LG 68 Jermy Chester (Jr.)	94 Mark Jetton (Fr.)
LT 79 Gary Byrd (Sr.)	70 William Henry (Jr.)
TE* 87 Ben Hall (So.)	81 Bobby Williamson (Fr.)
QB 7 Willie Simmons (Jr.)	6 Charlie Whitehurst (Fr.)
TB 20 Bernard Rambert (Sr.)	5 Keith Kelly (So.)

Defense (8)

DE 56 Khaleed Vaughn (Jr.)	99 Maurice Fountain (So.)
DT 96 Donnell Washington (So.)	76 Eric Coleman (So.)
DT 98 Nick Eason (Sr.)	88 Todd McClinton (Jr.)
DE 91 Bryant McNeal (Sr.)	58 J.J. Howard (Jr.)
LB 45 John Leake (Jr.)	31 David Dunham (Fr.)
LB 41 Rodney Thomas (Sr.)	47 Rodney Feaster (Sr.)
LB 38 Eric Sampson (So.)	43 Leroy Hill (So.)
CB 2 Brian Mance (Sr.)	22 Ryan Hemby (So.)
CB 27 Kevin Johnson (Jr.)	26 Toure Francis (Jr.)
SS 42 Altroly Bodrick (Sr.)	33 Ronny Delusme (So.)
FS 3 Eric Meekins (Sr.)	29 Travis Pugh (So.)

Special Teams

K 19 Aaron Hunt (Jr.)
P 32 Wynn Kopp (Sr.)
KR 21 Derrick Hamilton (So.)
PR 2 Brian Mance (Sr.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters

BOLD indicates returning starters

*The 12 offensive positions represent Clemson's multiple formations

Head Coach: Tommy Bowden	2001 Record (ACC): 7-5 (4-4)
2002 Prediction: 5th ACC	Clemson Memorial Stadium (81,473)

Bitter rival Alabama comes to Auburn and thumps the Tigers. Auburn travels to LSU and loses a chance at a berth in the Southeastern Conference Championship Game with a loss to the Bengal Tigers. Then Auburn heads to the postseason for a lackluster loss to North Carolina in the Peach Bowl.

End a season like that and the pain tends to

He does know that the top two candidates are sixth-year senior Daniel Cobb and sophomore Jason Campbell. Cobb was the spring game Offensive MVP, but neither had made the necessary strides to take a commanding lead during the previous 14 spring sessions.

Campbell is more athletic and has a stronger arm, but Cobb plays with more maturity. It's also possible that true freshmen Wesley Hill and Brandon Cox could figure in the mix.

The Tigers' offense will be fueled by tailback Carnell "Cadillac" Williams, who is completely healed from the broken clavicle suffered early in the Iron Bowl loss to Alabama. Tuberville believes Williams can be one of the nation's elite tailbacks.

Fullback Brandon Johnson is a devastating lead blocker and capable runner. He is being pushed by Michael Owens.

The Tigers are stocked at tight end with Robert Johnson, Lorenzo Diamond and Cooper Wallace. Johnson has NFL size (6'6", 270 pounds) and plenty of speed, and Diamond has excellent hands.

Auburn isn't as fortunate at wide receiver. In fact, Tuberville has publicly stated that his team will need immediate help from a

bumper crop of freshmen that includes Ben Obomanu and Devin Aromashodu. But even if those guys step in quickly, the Tigers also need production from Marcel Willis, Silas Daniels and Joe Walkins.

With an offense that will rely on the running game, an inexperienced line is a concern. Ben Nowland, a 6'3", 298-pound center, started 22 games in his first three seasons. At the most, his starting mates on the offensive line will have a combined 12 collegiate starts. Monreko Crittenden, who started 10 games last season at tackle, was moved to guard during spring practice, but now it looks like he will share the strong-side tackle spot with Ryan Broome.

End Reggie Torbor and tackle DeMarco McNeil will have to provide the experience for what appears to be a talented defensive line. Torbor provides speed and strength on the outside, while McNeil is a force inside. Wayne Dickens,

a redshirt freshman, stepped forward in the spring, and Spencer Johnson will also help at defensive tackle. Sophomore Jay Ratliff is another speedy defensive end.

How good are the Tigers at linebacker? So good that Chizik might want to devise a defense that allows as many as five linebackers on the field. The starters — Mark Brown in the middle and Karlos Dansby and Dontarrious Thomas on the outside — are very good and very fast. The trio combined for 236 tackles, and Dansby added five interceptions. The coaches will also make sure Lemarcus Rowell gets plenty of time.

Rashaud Walker is a physical playmaker at strong safety. Free safety should be manned by Travaris Robinson, Stanford Simmons and Donnay Young. All three are experienced players. The cornerbacks will be Roderick Hood and Carlos Rogers. Hood had three interceptions last season.

Damon Duval was a finalist for the Lou Groza Award last year and is a preseason All-America selection this year. He averaged 44.0 yards per punt and had a magical three-game stretch of game-winning field goals against Vanderbilt, Mississippi State and Florida.

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

WT 65 Monreko Crittenden (Jr.)	60 Ryan Broome (So.)
WG 72 David Walker (Fr.)	70 Nate French (So.)
C 55 Ben Nowland (Sr.)	68 Danny Lindsey (So.)
SG 68 Danny Lindsey (So.)	63 Taylor Bourgeois (Fr.)
ST 69 Mark Pera (Jr.)	78 Rich Trucks (So.)
TE 49 Lorenzo Diamond (Sr.)	87 Robert Johnson (Jr.)
QB 17 Jason Campbell (So.)	21 Daniel Cobb (Sr.)
FB 45 Brandon Johnson (Jr.)	16 Michael Owens (Sr.)
TB 24 Carnell Williams (So.)	23 Ronnie Brown (So.)
WR 80 Marcel Willis (Sr.)	85 Silas Daniels (So.)
WR 19 Joe Walkins (So.)	81 Jeris McIntyre (Jr.)

Defense (8)

DE 83 Jay Ratliff (So.)	48 Steven Bouldin (Fr.)
NT 92 DeMarco McNeil (Jr.)	64 Wayne Dickens (Fr.)
DT 53 Spencer Johnson (Jr.)	91 Dexter Murphy (Jr.)
DE 82 Reggie Torbor (Jr.)	94 Bret Eddins (So.)
LB 11 Karlos Dansby (Jr.)	56 Lemarcus Rowell (Fr.)
LB 52 Mark Brown (Sr.)	44 Jake Slaughter (Fr.)
LB 54 Dontarrious Thomas (Jr.)	47 Travis Williams (Fr.)
CB 36 Roderick Hood (Sr.)	4 Junior Rosegreen (So.)
CB 14 Carlos Rogers (So.)	6 Horace Willis (Sr.)
SS 37 Rashaud Walker (Sr.)	4 Junior Rosegreen (So.)
FS 10 Donnay Young (So.)	8 Stanford Simmons (Sr.)

Special Teams

K 20 Damon Duval (Sr.)
P 20 Damon Duval (Sr.)
KR 36 Roderick Hood (Sr.)
PR 19 Joe Walkins (So.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Tommy Tuberville	2001 Record (SEC): 7-5 (5-3)
2002 Prediction: 4th SEC West	Jordan-Hare Stadium (86,063)



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Carnell Williams

linger. "Everybody was a little bit down to start winter conditioning," says Auburn head coach Tommy Tuberville. "But we had meetings early and talked about this new year. We have a new football team and this is where you start putting it back together."



The Auburn offense was an anemic ninth in the SEC in passing a year ago.

Tuberville began the process of putting things back together by bringing in a new offensive coordinator (Bobby Petrino) and defensive coordinator (Gene Chizik).

The goal was finding a quarterback by the time spring practice concluded. Let's go to incoming offensive coordinator, Bobby Petrino to find out the winner. "Someone will have to take that first snap when we get here in August," Petrino says, "and I'm not sure who that will be right now."

Joe Paterno admits "there is a little more sense of urgency" these days for a Penn State program fresh off consecutive losing seasons for the first time since the prohibition era. Luckily for Paterno, the Nittany Lions received a stiff shot of adrenaline late last fall in the form of rookie quarterback Zack Mills. Yet while Happy Valley may be buzzing over the lefthander who obliterated

(6'2" 215) and lacks the gun of a Todd Blackledge or Kerry Collins. But he throws better on the run than any Penn State quarterback — ever — and is quick enough to the corner to deliver devastating body blows via the option. The keys are improving his decision-making against nickel and dime packages, refining his footwork and keeping a level head amid the hype.

Paterno admits he blew it by not making Larry Johnson the go-to guy at tailback last fall and will compensate by feeding him as many as 25 carries per game. Johnson has explosive open-field speed and terrific hands, but he must do a better job of finding the hole. That may be easier to do now that he can settle into a rhythm.

Sean McHugh should emerge as the fullback. The converted tight end is big enough (6'5", 264) to guard Mills' blind side against blitzing linebackers.

Bryant Johnson is the best of the wide receivers. He's tall and fast and has the ability to separate quickly from defensive backs. Tony Johnson (Larry's little brother) is more of a possession receiver.

Offensive tackle Chris McKelvy is big and quick, but he has often drawn

Paterno's ire for packing on weight beyond his ideal 315 pounds. Center Joe Iorio is back after mastering the shotgun snap in the first season the Lions used it extensively. Tackle Gus Felder was scrambling to finish his degree in the spring. As a partial qualifier when he arrived at PSU, he must graduate to gain a fifth year of eligibility.

The Lions seem to be loaded on the defensive line with three returning starters. All-Big Ten tackle Jimmy Kennedy managed 1.5 sacks and just eight tackles for a loss in '01. He came to his senses after contemplating going pro and will be back for his final season.

Fellow tackle Anthony Adams outplayed Kennedy in 2001. He's short (6'0") but surprisingly fast for a 293-pounder. End Michael Haynes has bulked up to 280 pounds. Whether he maintains his speed with the extra beef remains to be seen.

The linebacker corps will be bolstered by the return of Derek Wake, who at 6'3", 240 brings a combination of size and athletic ability reminiscent of LaVar Arrington. Wake blew out his left knee in the '01 opener and redshirted. Deryck Toles, who is limited to 35 snaps per game due to an enzyme disorder, is State's best pure 'backer. Throw in Gino Capone and Jimi Mitchell, and the staff will have real flexibility at the outside spots.

Inside are Tim Johnson and converted defensive end Sam Ruhe. While the 6'5", 264-pound Ruhe moves well for his size, he's never played from a stand-up stance.

Bryan Scott and Shawn Mayer are back at left corner and free safety, respectively. And there is a good mix of players at strong safety, even with returning starter Yaacov Yisrael expected to miss the first five games due to a suspension. Penciled in at right corner is junior Rich Gardner, but redshirt freshman Alan Zemaitis will also get a long look.

Robbie Gould, who hit 6-of-10 field goals and all 29 extra point attempts returns. Punter David Royer averaged a career-best 40.6 yards per kick and downed 19 punts inside the 20-yard line.



Zack Mills

every PSU freshman passing record, Paterno remains typically cautious when assessing Mills.

"I hope everybody doesn't expect him to come out on a white horse like Joan of Arc," Paterno says. "He is not Joan of Arc."

6

Joe Paterno was 6 years old (he's now 75) the last time Penn State began a season following back-to-back losing campaigns.

OK, so Mills isn't Joan of Arc. But he is the central figure as Penn State attempts to climb back into the Top 25. In the past two decades, PSU used the same cookie cutter to stamp out one quarterback after another. They were big, strong-armed and usually as mobile as the Nittany Lion Shrine.

Mills is different, posing unique challenges to opponents. He's relatively small

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

WR 24 Bryant Johnson (Sr.)	19 Gerald Smith (So.)
WR 11 Tony Johnson (Jr.)	13 Kinta Palmer (Fr.)
LT 64 Matt Schmitt (Sr.)	75 Chris McKelvy (Jr.)
LG 50 Tyler Lenda (Sr.)	77 E.Z. Smith (Fr.)
C 63 Joe Iorio (Sr.)	70 Nick Marmo (So.)
RG 70 Nick Marmo (So.)	74 Tyler Reed (Fr.)
RT 72 Gus Felder (Sr.)	76 Damone Jones (Jr.)
TE 6 R.J. Luke (Sr.)	93 Casey Williams (Jr.)
QB 7 Zack Mills (So.)	12 Michael Robinson (Fr.)
FB 42 Sean McHugh (Jr.)	39 Paul Jefferson (Jr.)
TB 5 Larry Johnson (Sr.)	22 Pete Gilmore (So.)

Defense (6)

DE 87 John Bronson (So.)	86 Jeremiah Davis (So.)
DT 98 Anthony Adams (Sr.)	99 Tim Falls (Sr.)
DT 73 Jimmy Kennedy (Sr.)	60 Tyler Valoczek (Sr.)
DE 81 Michael Haynes (Sr.)	17 Lavon Chisley (Fr.)
LB 94 Derek Wake (So.)	38 Jimi Mitchell (So.)
LB 65 Sam Ruhe (Jr.)	51 Tim Johnson (So.)
LB 2 Deryck Toles (Jr.)	47 Gino Capone (Jr.)
CB 25 Rich Gardner (Jr.)	34 Gio Vendemia (Fr.)
CB 32 Bryan Scott (Sr.)	21 Alan Zemaitis (Fr.)
FS 23 Shawn Mayer (Sr.)	18 Andrew Guman (So.)
SS 29 Paul Cronin (Fr.)	10 Calvin Lowry (Fr.)

Special Teams

K 4 Robbie Gould (So.)
P 14 David Royer (Sr.)
KR 5 Larry Johnson (Sr.)
PR 5 Larry Johnson (Sr.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Joe Paterno
2002 Prediction: 7th Big Ten

2001 Record (Big Ten): 5-6 (4-4)
Beaver Stadium (107,282)



Ole Miss rebels

NATIONAL
44
RANKING

Eli's coming. It's a fearful thought for everyone who has to face the Rebels and their record-setting QB with the royal pedigree. Eli Manning can change a game with a flick of his right wrist.

The schedule is tougher but so, too, are the Rebels. They return 13 starters and are two-deep everywhere except the defensive line.

"We're not thinking about anything but

speed, Williams has never been able to stay healthy. Hot on his heels will be Ronald McClendon, ranked by many as the No. 1 junior college prospect in the nation. He has that extra gear, but he lacks experience. The wild card could be Tremaine Turner, who missed last season with injuries. Toward Sanford will assume the fullback duties.

As good as Manning is, his receivers make him look that much better. Armstead and junior Chris Collins can match up with any pair, anywhere. Armstead is a pint-sized rocket with moves and speed that can't be charted. Collins is the long-striding, prototype who has a penchant for making the spectacular grab. Bill Flowers steadies the group as the ultimate possession receiver, while Trey Fryfogle, who began the 2001 season as a starter, should rebound from a rough finish.

As good as the receivers are, none of them rates as high as senior tight end Doug Zeigler. Aside from having ideal size, Zeigler has super-soft hands and the ability to stretch a defense.

The one loss on the offensive line just happens to be All-America left tackle Terrence Metcalf. But in All-SEC center Ben Claxton, the Rebels have someone to take

over that leadership role.

The most gifted of the bunch is massive guard Marcus Johnson, whose brother Belton moves over from the right side to the left to replace Metcalf. The younger Johnson has NFL written all over him, while Claxton ranks as one of the nation's best at his position. Doug Buckles returns at left guard after earning Freshman All-America honors. Tré Stallings and Cliff Woodruff will battle for the fifth spot.

The Rebels are undersized and understaffed along the defensive front. Plans to stack players in the box may help. Yahrek Johnson and Jesse Mitchell man the inside spots. Neither weighs more than 275 pounds. None of their backups is very big, either. They'll have to make up for a lack of bulk with speed and quickness.

They'll be stronger at the end spots, with Josh Cooper and Germain Landrum pegged as the starters. Still, they lack ideal size. Charlie Anderson (eight starts in

2001) and Cory Robinson (six starts) are the backups.

If the Rebels were as deep at defensive tackle as they are at linebacker, they'd be talking about a trip to the SEC Championship Game.

All-America candidate Eddie Strong and Lanier Goethie lead the way. L.P. Spence, a starter last season, will have to find a new niche in the scheme, which calls for just two backers. And he'll have to compete with Ryan Hamilton, who took to the scheme extremely well during the spring. Justin Wade is finally big and strong enough to contribute regularly, too.

Matt Grier headlines the secondary at strong safety, where he should push for honors. He'll be flanked in the three-safety set by Von Hutchins and Eric Oliver. Chris Knight and Desmond Johnson take over on the corners.

Depth shouldn't be a problem with Kelvin Robinson, a future star, and Marcus Woodson, a starter before being injured last season.

Jonathan Nichols handled most of the field goal and extra point duties. Punter Cody Ridgeway returns, too. Armstead, Collins and Williams are back in the return games and will get a boost from McClendon, Mike Espy and Taye Biddle.



Courtland Richards

Eli Manning

playing each game towards making it to Atlanta (for the SEC Championship game)," says wide receiver Jason Armstead.

17

Eli Manning broke or tied 17 school passing records during his breakout sophomore season.

Manning set or tied 17 school-records en route to a breakout first season as the starter. His accuracy — he completed 63.5 percent of his passes and threw 31 TDs to just nine interceptions — has pro scouts drooling. He was durable a season ago, when he had a veteran offensive line protecting him. That crew has lost just one starter, so big things are expected.

At running back, the field is wide open for someone to step forward and take over for Joe Gunn, who surprised many by earning second-team All-SEC honors. Robert Williams has first crack. A shifty runner with good

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

SE	8 Chris Collins (Jr.)	84 Bill Flowers (So.)
FL	9 Jason Armstead (Sr.)	7 Taye Biddle (Fr.)
WR*	3 Trey Fryfogle (So.)	49 Ross Barkley (Sr.)
LT	58 Belton Johnson (Sr.)	75 Bobby Harris (Fr.)
LG	62 Doug Buckles (So.)	71 James Campbell (So.)
C	55 Ben Claxton (Sr.)	53 Justin Sawyer (Jr.)
RG	76 Marcus Johnson (So.)	73 Chris Spencer (So.)
RT	74 Cliff Woodruff (Jr.)	70 Tré Stallings (Fr.)
TE	89 Doug Zeigler (Sr.)	34 Bo Hartsfield (So.)
QB	10 Eli Manning (Jr.)	15 David Morris (Sr.)
FB*	6 Toward Sanford (Sr.)	42 Rick Razzano (So.)
RB	35 Robert Williams (Sr.)	5 Ronald McClendon (Jr.)

Defense (6)

DE	99 Josh Cooper (Jr.)	96 Cory Robinson (So.)
DT	98 Yahrek Johnson (Sr.)	68 McKinley Boykin (So.)
NT	95 Jesse Mitchell (Jr.)	61 Daniel Booth (So.)
DE	56 Germain Landrum (Sr.)	85 Charlie Anderson (Jr.)
LB	2 Lanier Goethie (Sr.)	48 L.P. Spence (Jr.)
LB	1 Eddie Strong (Sr.)	51 Justin Wade (Jr.)
CB	31 Desmond Johnson (Sr.)	30 Tavarus Horne (So.)
CB	22 Chris Knight (Sr.)	30 Tavarus Horne (So.)
SS	44 Matt Grier (Sr.)	39 Kelvin Robinson (So.)
FS	26 Eric Oliver (So.)	29 Marcus Woodson (Jr.)
WS	5 Von Hutchins (Jr.)	17 Wes Scott (Jr.)

Special Teams

K	86 Jonathan Nichols (So.)
P	97 Cody Ridgeway (So.)
KR	9 Jason Armstead (Sr.)
PR	9 Jason Armstead (Sr.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters

BOLD indicates returning starters

*The 12 offensive positions represent Ole Miss' multiple formations.

Head Coach: David Cutcliffe 2001 Record (SEC): 7-4 (4-4)
2002 Prediction: 5th SEC West Vaught-Hemingway Stadium (60,580)



Southern Miss golden eagles

NATIONAL
45
RANKING

Southern Miss has seen its bully balloon pierced, losing three conference games in each of the last two seasons. But the Golden Eagles, who won or shared three of the first four C-USA championships, appears poised to re-stake their claim. "For a long time, we had the bulls-eye on us, and now that's changed some, with Louisville in that (position)," coach Jeff Bower says. "But I think

stone walls blitzers. "I've always said the best thing about Derrick Nix is that there isn't a weakness in his game," says Bower.

Injuries and graduation helped give birth to the "Diaper Brigade" last season, as four true freshmen combined for a third of USM's receptions. Three of them — Rocky Harrison, Chris Johnson and Marvin Young — are back and will team with LeRoy Handy and Kenneth Johnson to give USM five of its top six receivers from '01.

Kenneth Johnson, hampered all year by nagging leg injuries and the "sophomore blues", and Young are the burners, but Handy and Harrison have shown the ability to make the tough catch over the middle. Chris Johnson comes out of his routes quickly to find coverage seams.

Tight end Bobby Garner played baseball this spring, giving junior Terrell Browden and sophomore Stuart Floyd the snaps.

The offensive line is a definite strength. Tackle Jeremy Bridges and guard Torrin Tucker are two of the more physical players in C-USA, and are among the most athletic. Center Jim Hicks and tackle Jason Jimenez are not man-handlers but are hard-nosed, blue-collar types and are good on their

feet. Jeremy Parquet may be the pup up front, but he got high marks last season for his pass protection.

USM's attacking defense is predicated on quickness, strength and technique in the trenches. The 2001 unit was stout enough to help USM finish 13th nationally (101.5 ypg) against the run.

Tackles Skylor Magee and Rayshun Jones return to clog the interior, and Chad Ruffin has worked his way into a three-way rotation. Eric Scott and Ronald Jones will allow USM's run-stuffers to go five deep. Terrell Paul, a ferocious pass rusher, wore down some as he contended with double-teams during the latter half of 2001. But he is the prototypical bandit end, a hybrid end/linebacker position.

Starting end Brian Evans quit the team after being beaten out during spring drills by Darris McKenzie. McKenzie is more physical and better able to shed blockers and hold his ground at the point of attack.

The linebackers were the heart of a unit that helped USM rank 11th nationally in total defense. Led by Lombardi Trophy candidate Rod Davis, this group is just as strong. Davis could be as good a middle man as USM has had. Strong-side starter Joe Henley may be undersized, but he's as ferocious a hitter as Davis, more sound in technique and perhaps the fastest of the corps. Michael Boley, a thumper who can blitz as well as cover the flat routes, moved ahead of Chris Vaughn on the weak side with his eye-opening play this spring.

Free safety Etric Pruitt is an All-C-USA talent with an All-American heart. Alex Ray moves from nickel back to the starting rover back; quarterbacks and receivers would do well to know where he is lurking. Greg Brooks returns as one of the top cover men in the conference. Leroy Johnson returns at the other corner and is good enough to allow USM to play its corners in man coverage.

The return teams were shaky, ranking 89th on punt returns and 106th on kickoff returns.

Mark Haulman, always solid and often spectacular, returns with a 42.3-yard punting average. Placekicker Curtis Jones appears to be a consistent leg from inside the 45.



Courland Richards

Greg Brooks

we've got a chance to have a good team."

For the first time in three seasons, USM will trot out a new quarterback. Micky D'Angelo and Zac White have played sparingly in mop-up roles, while Dustin Almond is trying to make the jump from scout team. White and Almond have big arms, but D'Angelo showed better zip on his ball in the spring and was lauded for his grasp of the offense.

8

USM has enjoyed eight consecutive winning seasons, the longest streak at the school since 1951-1967.

Running back Derrick Nix went down with a high ankle sprain midway through 2000, and kidney problems forced him to redshirt in 2001. Nix is the big, bruising back that USM has lacked the past two years. And while no burner, he has good speed for a 232-pound back, can catch out of the backfield and simply

Depth Chart

Offense (9)

SE 83 Chris Johnson (So.)	88 Naton Stewart (Fr.)
FL 82 LeRoy Handy (Sr.)	88 Marvin Young (So.)
WR 19 Rocky Harrison (So.)	13 Kenneth Johnson (Jr.)
WT 73 Jeremy Bridges (Sr.)	65 Neal Mead (Fr.)
WG 77 Jeremy Parquet (So.)	54 Buck Miciotto (Sr.)
C 68 Jim Hicks (Jr.)	67 Addaryl Edwards (So.)
SG 76 Torrin Tucker (Sr.)	71 Bradley Worthington (Fr.)
ST 75 Jason Jimenez (Sr.)	72 Myron Powe (So.)
TE 10 Bobby Garner (Sr.)	35 Terrell Browden (Jr.)
QB 7 Micky D'Angelo (So.)	16 Zac White (So.)
RB 43 Derrick Nix (Sr.)	39 James Walley (So.)

Defense (8)

DE 56 Darris McKenzie (Jr.)	97 Seante Williams (Jr.)
NT 34 Skylor Magee (So.)	96 Chad Ruffin (So.)
DT 94 Rayshun Jones (Sr.)	92 Eric Scott (So.)
Ban 91 Terrell Paul (Jr.)	40 LeVon Pears (So.)
LB 2 Joe Henley (Sr.)	53 Kevis Coley (Fr.)
LB 24 Rod Davis (Jr.)	51 Dillon Cleckler (So.)
LB 27 Michael Boley (So.)	46 Chris Vaughn (Sr.)
FC 20 Leroy Johnson (Sr.)	18 Tootie Myers (Fr.)
BC 5 Greg Brooks (Jr.)	29 Corey Yates (Sr.)
Rov 14 Alex Ray (Jr.)	12 Darrell Bennett (So.)
FS 28 Etric Pruitt (Jr.)	42 Antoine Cash (So.)

Special Teams

K 36 Curtis Jones (Sr.)
P 23 Mark Haulman (Sr.)
KR 83 Chris Johnson (So.)
PR 13 Kenneth Johnson (Jr.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Jeff Bower 2001 Record (C-USA): 6-5 (4-3)
2002 Prediction: 2nd C-USA M.M. Roberts Stadium (33,000)



Pittsburgh panthers

NATIONAL
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RANKING

The Pittsburgh Panthers practice in a state-of-the-art facility, they play at one of the finest stadiums in the country, they're bringing in high-profile recruits and they've gone to bowls three of the past five years. "I'd say we've dotted the i's and crossed the t's at this point," coach Walt Harris says. "The key is to keep getting better."

Whether Pittsburgh can build off its Tan-

ing Kirkley had a strong freshman season, he will have a hard time getting onto the field with Brandon Miree in the picture. Miree had a strong spring while Kirkley recovered from wrist surgery. Miree transferred from Alabama two games into last season and is eligible to play this fall. He combines speed and power and proved he was capable as a Bama freshman.

Clearing paths are multi-purpose fullbacks Lousaka Polite and Dustin Picciotti, a blue-chip recruit three years ago who sat out last season due to recurring concussions.

Receiver Lamar Slade (27 catches, 226 yards) has the best hands on the team and has shown flashes of greatness, but he's been inconsistent. Roosevelt Bynes is the other starter, but he'll be pushed by talented newcomers Princell Brockenbrough and true freshman Larry Fitzgerald. Brockenbrough was possibly the top junior college wideout in 2001.

The receiving corps will get plenty of help from tight end Kris Wilson, who is agile enough to line up as a wideout, and sure-handed Erik Gill.

All five offensive line starters are back from a unit that meshed well after experiencing some growing pains.

Left tackle Rob Petitti (6'6", 330) has the makings of a top-tier lineman in the Big East, and seniors Chad Reed at center and Bryan Anderson at right guard are a lethal one-two punch. Left guard Dan LaCarte, who moved into a starting spot five games into last season, and big right tackle Matt Morgan (6'7", 295) comprise the rest of the front five. This group can cure a lot of the team's offensive shortcomings if it enables Harris to utilize a ball-control style.

The graduation of sack specialist Bryan Knight was a tough hit, but the emergence of ends Brian Guzek, Ryan Smith and Claude Harriott could make up for Knight's departure. On the inside, Harris used seven players at the two tackle spots, though it will be hard to take powerhouse Tyre Young off the field this season. The noseguard is a potent run stopper with the athleticism of a linebacker.

Middle linebacker Gerald Hayes is fast, strong and sniffs out ball carriers like few can. A first-team All-Big East pick, Hayes

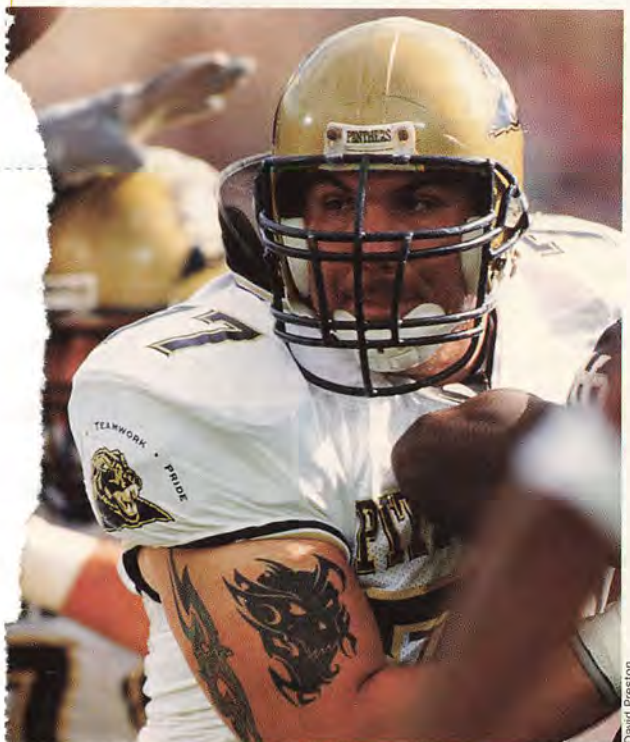
is flanked by NFL prospect Lewis Moore and returning starter Brian Beinecke.

The cornerback position is loaded with talented and experienced players, with All-Big East candidates Torrie Cox and Shawntae Spencer leading the charge. Senior Shawn Robinson has seen extensive action in his career and will rotate with Cox and Spencer.

The strong safety spot will be manned by a new starter, likely Tyrone Gilliard, and should complement the corners. Former cornerback William Ferguson takes over at free safety.

Pittsburgh unexpectedly lost Ramon Walker to the NFL Draft, leaving it without its leading tackler and heart and soul of the defense. Corey Humphries was projected to take over for Walker but tore his ACL this spring, as did projected strong safety Gary Urschler.

Pittsburgh lost kicker Nick Lotz, but true freshman David Abdul could cushion the blow. Abdul was among the top high school kickers in the nation. Punter Andy Lee returns for his third season and looks to improve on his average of 41.1 yards per kick in 2001. Cox is back again to return kickoffs after averaging 24.0 per return last season, and sure-handed Yogi Roth replaces Bryant as the team's top punt returner.



David Priestley

Bryan Anderson

gerine Bowl victory and six-game winning streak to close out the 2001 season is uncertain. The Panthers lost all-everything wide receiver Antonio Bryant to the NFL and also lost experienced quarterback David Priestley.

22

Pittsburgh's current QBs have combined for 22 career completions.

For the moment, Harris has handed the keys to his West Coast offense to Rod Rutherford, an athletic junior who has difficulties with accuracy. If Rutherford falters, he could be replaced by true freshman Tyler Palko, the top recruit from Western Pennsylvania and a better passer. Another potential starter is 6'6" sophomore Pat Hoderny, who's impressed Harris with his powerful throwing ability.

Pittsburgh has a stable of tailbacks, beginning with 2001 starter Raymond Kirkley (645 yards on 155 carries). Though the hard-charge-

Depth Chart

Offense (8)

SE 86 Lamar Slade (Sr.)	82 Yogi Roth (Jr.)
FL 87 Roosevelt Bynes (So.)	81 Joe Stephens (Fr.)
LT 78 Rob Petitti (So.)	70 Jason Capizzi (Fr.)
LG 52 Dan LaCarte (Jr.)	66 Penny Semaia (Jr.)
C 64 Chad Reed (Sr.)	62 Justin Belarski (So.)
RG 77 Bryan Anderson (Sr.)	71 Jon Schall (Jr.)
RT 75 Matt Morgan (Jr.)	67 Dale Williams (Fr.)
TE 83 Kris Wilson (Jr.)	45 Erik Gill (Fr.)
QB 12 Rod Rutherford (Jr.)	16 Pat Hoderny (So.)
FB 32 Lousaka Polite (Jr.)	30 Dustin Picciotti (So.)
TB 25 Brandon Miree (Jr.)	43 Raymond Kirkley (So.)

Defense (7)

DE 47 Brian Guzek (Sr.)	58 Ryan Smith (Sr.)
NT 38 Tyre Young (So.)	93 Jake Holthaus (So.)
DT 94 Dan Stephens (So.)	63 Darrell McMurray (Jr.)
DE 90 Claude Harriott (Jr.)	55 Thomas Smith (Fr.)
LB 48 Lewis Moore (Jr.)	24 Mike Jemison (So.)
LB 51 Gerald Hayes (Sr.)	40 Joe Dipre (Fr.)
LB 15 Brian Beinecke (Sr.)	6 Malcolm Postell (So.)
CB 19 Shawntae Spencer (Jr.)	3 Taron Gray (Sr.)
CB 5 Torrie Cox (Sr.)	7 Shawn Robinson (Sr.)
FS 27 William Ferguson (Jr.)	20 Tez Morris (Fr.)
SS 31 Tyrone Gilliard (So.)	37 Darren McCray (Fr.)

Special Teams

K	David Abdul (Fr.)
P	36 Andy Lee (Jr.)
KR	5 Torrie Cox (Sr.)
PR	5 Torrie Cox (Sr.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Walt Harris
2002 Prediction: 5th Big East

2001 Record (Big East): 7-5 (4-3)
Heinz Field (65,000)



Iowa State cyclones

NATIONAL
47
RANKING

Oppportunity or burden? Iowa State's 2002 schedule could be a little of both. Coach Dan McCarney hopes it is the former, although with Florida State, Iowa, Nebraska, Texas Tech, Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas State and Colorado, all 2001 bowl teams, on the schedule, another winning season will be a challenge.

ISU will need a couple of upsets to con-

back up Wallace: Cris Love and Dustin Ochs, a 2001 junior college transfer. Love emerged from the spring No. 2 on the depth chart.

Hiawatha Rutland and Michael Wagner emerged during the spring as the top two candidates to claim the No. 1 tailback spot. Rutland is the Cyclones' most powerful runner; Wagner is a speed back who has yet to prove he can get 20 carries per game and remain healthy. JaMaine Billups, a highly touted 2000 recruit, and redshirt freshman Brian Thompson are next in line.

Lane Danielsen and Jack Whitver, both former walk-ons, are the two starters returning to the Cyclones' three-wide offensive attack. Danielsen led ISU in catches (49) and receiving yards (694) last season and is a running threat. Whitver is a good possession receiver with speed. Jamaul Montgomery, once a highly touted recruit, has the size and speed to be a top receiver.

Replacing three starters on the offensive line, including both tackles, will be tough, but this is nothing new. ISU also had to replace three line starters from its 2000 Insight.com Bowl team.

Zach Butler, a solid run and pass protector who may be ISU's best returning offensive lineman, is back at center, and Bob Montgomery returns at guard. Casey Shelton, the one-time stud of McCarney's Class of 1999, saw extensive time at both tackle spots last year.

On the defensive side of the ball, Tyson Smith is poised to become a star at rush end if he can put on some weight — and keep it on. A heavily recruited high school linebacker, Smith made great strides during the latter part of the 2001 season. He is a better pass rusher than run stopper. Tackle Jordan Carstens, a former walk-on, came to ISU in 1999 weighing 220 pounds. He is up to 300 and ready for a breakout year.

Converted offensive lineman Brent Nelson, a sophomore who has bulked up to 278 pounds, may start immediately at noseguard.

Linebacker Matt Word's breakout game came at a perfect time — The Independence Bowl. Word was all over the

field in that game, showing the speed at middle linebacker that should make him an All-Big 12 player this fall. He sat out spring ball recovering from shoulder surgery, but at full strength he could be a star. Talented Chris Whitaker, who started as a freshman in 1999 but missed all but one game last season with a knee injury, will return.

Strong-side linebacker Jeremy Loyd was the Cyclones' Defensive Player of the Year in 2001 after transferring from junior college.

Cornerback Atif Austin, who was recovering from off-season shoulder surgery during the spring, is one of the more unheralded players in the Big 12. An excellent cover corner, he has also improved against the run. Harold Clewis shared time with and eventually separated himself from Johnny Smith III last season and despite inconsistencies in coverage showed a knack for the big play (two interceptions). Ellis Hobbs, a converted running back, will play and may replace Clewis as the starter opposite Austin.

Tony Yelk will likely handle punts, field goals, extra points and kickoffs, though he must improve his 8-for-18 field goal performance.



Scott Boehm

Seneca Wallace

tinue its turnaround under McCarney and go to a third straight bowl, a first for a program that has gone 16-8 the past two years.

16

ISU's 16 wins over the last two seasons is the best two-year run in Ames since Earl Bruce guided the Cyclones to 16 wins in his final two seasons at ISU (1977-78).

ISU will go as far as senior quarterback Seneca Wallace takes it. The Heisman Trophy candidate was named the Big 12 Conference's Offensive Newcomer of the Year after throwing for 2,044 yards and 11 touchdowns and running for 475 more and seven scores in 2001. Wallace is an elusive runner who can run and throw, and throw on the run. His arm strength and accuracy are unquestioned, as is his knowledge of the game.

A couple of traditional drop-back passers

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

SE 82 Lane Danielsen (Jr.)	5 Todd Miller (So.)
LT 71 Casey Shelton (Jr.)	74 Wade Boehm (Fr.)
LG 65 Bob Montgomery (Jr.)	69 DeWayne Johnson (Sr.)
C 68 Zach Butler (Sr.)	79 Matt Bockes (Jr.)
RG 67 Luke Vander Sanden (So.)	78 Collin Menard (Jr.)
RT 70 Cale Stubbs (So.)	72 Kory Pence (Fr.)
TE 93 Kyle Knock (Sr.)	85 Kenny Segin (So.)
WR 83 Jamaul Montgomery (Jr.)	23 David Banks-Burse (Jr.)
QB 15 Seneca Wallace (Sr.)	16 Cris Love (So.)
TB 12 Hiawatha Rutland (Jr.)	4 Michael Wagner (Jr.)
FL 26 Jack Whitver (Jr.)	80 Lance Young (Jr.)

Defense (7)

RE 1 Tyson Smith (Jr.)	55 Beau Coleman (Sr.)
DT 92 Jordan Carstens (Jr.)	51 Andy Leaders (So.)
NG 60 Brent Nelson (So.)	99 Federico Samuel (Jr.)
DE 43 Cephus Johnson (Fr.)	91 Tim TeBrink (So.)
LB 41 Jeremy Loyd (Sr.)	58 Erik Anderson (So.)
LB 7 Matt Word (Sr.)	47 Chris Whitaker (Jr.)
LB 33 Brandon Brown (So.)	23 Walker Scott (Fr.)
CB 16 Harold Clewis (Jr.)	10 Johnny Smith III (Jr.)
CB 21 Atif Austin (Sr.)	19 Ellis Hobbs (So.)
SS 17 Anthony Forrest (So.)	22 T.J. Klith (Fr.)
FS 18 Marc Timmons (Jr.)	8 Steve Paris (Fr.)

Special Teams

K 14 Tony Yelk (So.)
P 14 Tony Yelk (So.)
KR 5 Todd Miller (So.)
PR 5 Todd Miller (So.)

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BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Dan McCarney 2001 Record (Big 12): 7-5 (4-4)
2002 Prediction: 4th Big 12 North Jack Trice Stadium (43,000)

While the Wahoo nation is abuzz about a top 10 recruiting class in Al Groh's first full-fledged effort, Groh cautions that the program remains in a rebuilding stage. In order to restore Virginia football to contender status, Groh believes he needs two more outstanding recruiting classes.

A number of Virginia passing records fell last season. But Matt Schaub is now the only

Junior Kase Luzar moved from tight end to fullback in the spring and will battle converted tailback Brandon Isaiah for the starting job.

Billy McMullen is everybody's All-American. The rangy wideout surpassed the receiving marks of such greats as Herman Moore and Germane Crowell. No matter the coverage, McMullen exhibited an uncanny ability to get open. He isn't exceptionally fast, but he has outstanding jumping ability and great hands. Groh needs to find some more receivers to take the pressure off McMullen. Michael McGrew showed last season that he could make the tough catch. Ottawa Anderson's speed could make him a threat.

Tight end is a big question mark as Patrick Estes and Heath Miller, who moved over from quarterback in the spring, battle for the starting job.

Groh believes that junior Kevin Bailey is one of the best left tackles in the ACC. He also believes Bailey is one of the best centers in the league, which leaves the coach with a dilemma. Where Bailey will line up will be dictated by whether UVA can develop a left tackle who can protect the quarterback and whether junior Jay Green can handle the center position.

The right side of the line returns intact with Mike Mullins at tackle and Elton Brown at guard. Groh may inject some of the freshmen into the lineup.

Graduation wiped out the entire defensive line in the 3-4 scheme, but Groh isn't panicking because the replacements have better size. Chris Canty and Larry Simmons will line up at ends, while Andrew Hoffman will move in at nosetackle. Hoffman and Canty have three years of eligibility remaining. Hoffman played as a freshman in 2000 but redshirted last year to beef up and learn the new system.

There is no experienced depth behind the trio, so the coaches may have to rely on the incoming class to shore up the line.

With inside 'backer Angelo Crowell leading the way, the linebacking corps is the strength of the team. A second-team All-ACC player in 2001, the aggressive Crowell broke the school single-season record for tackles with 144.

Raymond Mann, who moved to line-

backer last year as a sophomore, will line up at one outside spot, while Merrill Robertson, injured much of last season, will join Crowell inside, giving the Cavaliers physical play and mobility at all three positions. Two high school All-Americans, Ahmad Brooks and Kai Parham, could also make immediate impacts.

All four starting defensive backs and the top reserves return, giving the Cavaliers their most experienced secondary in several years. Jerton Evans and Shernard Newby return at safety along with reserve Chris Williams. Evans is an aggressive strong safety who racked up 83 tackles last season, while Newby was second in the ACC last year with five interceptions.

Corner is a bit of a sore spot, even though Art Thomas and Almondo Curry return as starters. Thomas, a converted running back, emerged late in the season, picking up a fumble and returning it 92 yards for a TD that turned around the Penn State game. Curry, a hard hitter who caused three fumbles, gets picked on because of his 5'8" size.

The kicking game is perhaps the biggest question mark on the team. One of the leading candidates for both the punting and placekicking duties is incoming recruit Tom Hagan.



Rob Tringali Jr.

Billy McMullen

experienced quarterback in the program. Schaub started six games, including UVa's victory over Penn State. Critics believed the youngster made too many mistakes. Schaub spent the off-season trying to improve his decision-making and short passing game.

371 Alvin Pearman led the Cavs in '01 with 371 rushing yards, the lowest team-leading total at UVA since '77.

Alvin Pearman became the first true freshman to lead Virginia in rushing since 1986. But there is a question if Pearman, at 5'10", 195 pounds, can take the game-to-game physical beating of an every-down back. Pearman certainly exhibited the speed to get outside and a keen knowledge of the game. He will be challenged by Marquis Weeks, who played on special teams last season, and by a talented group of prized recruits.

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

WR 11 Billy McMullen (Sr.)	83 Ottawa Anderson (So.)
WR 80 Michael McGrew (Jr.)	37 Ryan Sawyer (Jr.)
LT 65 Kevin Bailey (Jr.)	62 Brian Barthelmes (Fr.)
LG 78 Micah Kimball (Jr.)	79 Ben Carber (Jr.)
C 57 Jay Green (Jr.)	65 Kevin Bailey (Jr.)
RG 61 Elton Brown (So.)	70 Mark Farrington (So.)
RT 72 Mike Mullins (Sr.)	77 Joe Holt (So.)
TE 87 Patrick Estes (So.)	89 Heath Miller (Fr.)
QB 7 Matt Schaub (Jr.)	18 Marques Hagans (Fr.)
FB 86 Kase Luzar (Jr.)	32 Brandon Isaiah (So.)
TB 21 Alvin Pearman (So.)	5 Marquis Weeks (So.)

Defense (6)

DE 92 Larry Simmons (Jr.)	96 Brennan Schmidt (Fr.)
NT 60 Andrew Hoffman (So.)	99 Justin Walker (Jr.)
DE 95 Chris Canty (So.)	67 Matt Stone (Fr.)
LB 47 Raymond Mann (Jr.)	41 Marcus Hardy (So.)
LB 55 Angelo Crowell (Sr.)	Kai Parham (Fr.)
LB 44 Merrill Robertson (Sr.)	53 Rich Bedesem (So.)
LB 59 Bryan White (So.)	Ahmad Brooks (Fr.)
CB 25 Art Thomas (Jr.)	36 Jermaine Hardy (So.)
CB 22 Almondo Curry (Jr.)	29 Jamaine Winborne (Jr.)
SS 30 Jerton Evans (Sr.)	39 Chris Williams (Sr.)
FS 20 Shernard Newby (Sr.)	39 Chris Williams (Sr.)

Special Teams

K 38 Bryan Smith (So.)
P Tom Hagan (Fr.)
KR 21 Alvin Pearman (So.)
PR 21 Alvin Pearman (So.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Al Groh 2001 Record (ACC): 5-7 (3-5)
 2002 Prediction: 6th ACC Scott Stadium (61,500)



Mississippi State bulldogs

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RANKING

Two digits are dogging the Bulldogs at every turn: 3 and 8. Maybe State deserves a little dogging, after a team picked to win the SEC West fizzled out before the end of September. "We're at this point because of what we didn't do," says Bulldogs senior All-America linebacker Mario Haggan, one of the few holdovers from the 1999 team that finished 10-2. "We can either

He had the best spring practice session of his career and will be the featured back.

His backups include speedster Fred Reid and freshman *Parade* All-Americans Jerious Norwood and Nick Turner. Both have a fifth gear and will be counted on for contributions. Fullback Justin Griffith returns from a neck injury, and backup Darnell Jones will also play a vital role in the backfield.

The receivers joined Fant in finishing the season strong. Justin Jenkins and senior three-year starter Terrell Grindle are poised for huge seasons. After a shaky start, Jenkins bounced back with back-to-back 100-plus yard games to end the season. Grindle, who has a knack for coming up with the circus catch, is one of the team's fastest players. Their backups, sophomores Ray Ray Bivines and Antonio Hargro, have as much or more talent. All they lack is experience.

If the Bulldogs ever figure out what they have in senior tight end Donald Lee, he could have a breakout season.

Three starters return to an offensive line that never found its way last season.

Junior All-SEC candidate Derrick Thompson has to rebound from off-season knee surgery at his left tackle spot. He'll be joined by guard Donald Tucker and center Blake Jones. To protect Fant, they'll need some serious help from a group that includes Michael Allen, junior college transfer Manuel Dickson, David Stewart, Brad Weathers and red-shirt freshman Chris McNeil.

The rock of Bulldog defenses in the past, the front line is now the weakest link. Returning starters Kahlil Nash and Tommy Kelly lead the new crop. Kelly has frightening potential but hasn't shown that he can dominate. Ronald Fields started three times as a freshman and played in every game. Seniors Michael Oyefesobi and Dannie Snyder, junior Lennie Day and sophomores Jadice Moore and Demotto Youngblood will have to be quality backups.

Kamau Jackson and Jason Clark, linebackers last season, have been shifted to end. Both are proven playmakers.

One of the few bright spots in a bleak season was Haggan, who didn't stray from

his perch as one of the SEC's best 'backers despite injury troubles. A sideline-to-sideline performer, Haggan could've skipped town for the NFL Draft. He'll wreak havoc from his old middle linebacker spot after spending most of last season out of position at end.

T.J. Mawhinney, the starter last season in the middle, offers support, along with red-shirt freshman Brandon Downing.

Senior free safety Josh Morgan earned All-SEC honors for his play. He'll need some help from cornerbacks Korey Banks and Demetric Wright if the Bulldogs are to resume their nasty ways in the secondary. The DOG safety spots are up for grabs between Walter Burdett, Milas Randle, Bryan Shumaker, Gabe Wallace, Clarence McDougal and Rico Bennett. True freshman Darren Williams, a *Parade* All-American, will push for playing time.

Kicker John Michael Marlin was inconsistent a year ago and appears to have been unseated by walk-on Brent Smith, who booted field goals from the 47- to 57-yard range during spring drills. The battle will continue through the fall. Jared Cook will resume his punting duties. Walker, Jenkins and Bivines will handle the return chores.



Mark Langello

Mario Haggan

hang our heads and feel sorry for ourselves, or we can shake it off and come back swinging this season. My guess is we'll fight."

2 The Bulldogs won just two SEC games, the school's fewest total since the 1995 club went 1-7.

Wayne Madkin, the school career passing leader, is gone after watching Kevin Fant take over the program. A fiery gunslinger, Fant completed 74-of-119 passes for 1,096 yards and eight TDs over a five-game span. Fant is a leader, and the first quarterback in the Jackie Sherrill era to combine the skills and intangibles that the Bulldogs need under center.

There are no more excuses for running back Dontae Walker, who has yet to crack the 1,000-yard mark in a season for the Bulldogs. Walker's 1,727 career yards have him near the top 10 on the school's all-time list, but he was expected to be amassing that kind of total in a single season.

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

SE 15 Terrell Grindle (Sr.)	10 Ray Ray Bivines (So.)
TE 84 Donald Lee (Sr.)	87 Aaron Lumpkin (Jr.)
LT 76 Derrick Thompson (Jr.)	72 Carl Hutchins (Sr.)
LG 73 Donald Tucker (Jr.)	69 Will Rogers (So.)
C 63 Blake Jones (Jr.)	61 Kyle Watson (Sr.)
RG 64 Brad Weathers (So.)	79 Michael Allen (Sr.)
RT 60 David Stewart (So.)	78 Eric Thompson (Jr.)
FL 8 Justin Jenkins (Jr.)	80 Antonio Hargro (So.)
QB 16 Kevin Fant (Jr.)	17 Kyle York (Fr.)
FB 31 Justin Griffith (Sr.)	33 Darnell Jones (So.)
TB 3 Dontae Walker (Sr.)	5 Fred Reid (So.)

Defense (7)

DE 48 Kamau Jackson (Jr.)	48 Corey Brown (Jr.)
DT 92 Kahlil Nash (Sr.)	46 Lennie Day (Jr.)
NT 93 Ronald Fields (So.)	52 Dannie Snyder (Sr.)
DT 55 Tommy Kelly (Jr.)	94 Michael Oyefesobi (Sr.)
DE 40 Jason Clark (Jr.)	49 Tarus Morgan (So.)
LB 98 Mario Haggan (Sr.)	53 T.J. Mawhinney (Jr.)
S 27 Gabe Wallace (So.)	4 Milas Randle (Jr.)
S 11 Walter Burdett (Sr.)	7 Bryan Shumaker (So.)
CB 24 Demetric Wright (Sr.)	26 Richard Ball (Sr.)
CB 2 Korey Banks (Sr.)	25 Slovakia Griffith (So.)
FS 47 Josh Morgan (Sr.)	28 Jonathan Bell (So.)

Special Teams

K 42 John Michael Marlin (Jr.)
P 43 Jared Cook (So.)
KR 3 Dontae Walker (Sr.)
PR 10 Ray Ray Bivines (So.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Jackie Sherrill 2001 Record (SEC): 3-8 (2-6)
2002 Prediction: 6th SEC West Davis Wade Stadium (52,884)

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Louisiana Tech bulldogs

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RANKING

So what do you do for an encore? That's the question facing Louisiana Tech head coach Jack Bicknell after his Bulldogs overcame ninth-place preseason predictions to win the Western Athletic Conference championship in their inaugural season in the league.

It wasn't any fluke, either. Louisiana Tech set a school record by scoring 40 or more

a good athlete with a great arm. He's got a lot of leadership ability. But he still has room for improvement. If he does continue to improve, he could be one of the top quarterbacks in the country."

Opposing defenses won't be able to focus simply on stopping McCown and the Bulldogs' explosive passing attack. That's because senior Joe Smith, a second-team All-WAC pick who rushed for 874 yards on 172 carries and scored seven touchdowns, returns.

Bicknell is also expecting immediate contributions from Ralph Davis, a junior college transfer who rushed for 1,334 yards on 212 carries at Jones (Miss.) Community College.

Bicknell will have to rely on some key veterans to step in for departed receivers John Simon and Delwyn Daigre. D.J. Curry is an all-conference candidate after catching 52 passes for 756 yards and eight touchdowns. And Ahmad Harris, Erick Franklin and Corey Berlin all have starting experience.

Just how strong the receiving corps becomes, however, will depend on the development of sophomores Tramission Davis and Danny Wilson and a pair of highly regarded freshmen, Freddie

King and Alton Bryant.

The Bulldogs lose three of their top six offensive linemen from a year ago, but Bicknell believes a strong influx of junior college transfers will make this a deeper position than in recent years. "We have a lot more numbers there than in the past," Bicknell says. "And that's good. It seems like ever since I've been here we've always been praying that nobody would get hurt."

Tackles Damian Lavergne and Michael Gilmore headline the returnees. Center Shawn Murff is also back.

Bicknell and new co-defensive coordinator Rick Smith will switch to a four-man front this season despite the fact the Bulldogs lose two key starters.

Brandon Avance returns at one end and will be joined by Carlin Thomas, who moves back to the line after playing linebacker last year. Four players who saw significant action in 2001 return to vie for the two starting tackle spots: seniors

Spencer Young and Quincy Myles, junior Jemelle Cage and sophomore Chris Van Hoy.

Second team All-WAC performer Curtis Randall returns at weak-side linebacker to anchor what should be the strength of the defense. Gerome Wallace, who started seven games a year ago, and John Nash, who started four games, return at middle linebacker, while Chris Marshall and Antonio Crow should split time at the strong-side position. Bicknell is also expecting big things from senior middle linebacker Adam McConathy, a transfer from Texas.

Willie Sheppard returns at field corner where he has started for two years. Corey Brazil, who saw action in all 12 games last season, will likely man the boundary corner.

Michael John Lenard, a three-year starter known for his hard hits, returns at strong safety. Michael Johnson will attempt to replace All-America rover Bobby Gray.

Placekicker Josh Scobee was a 2001 Lou Groza Award semifinalist after connecting on 18-of-22 field goals and 44-of-45 PATs. Dustin Upton is back to handle the punting duties after averaging 41.7 yards on his 57 attempts.



Louisiana Tech SID

Luke McCown

points in six straight games en route to a 7-1 conference mark and a Humanitarian Bowl berth against Clemson.

With 15 starters returning, including talented junior quarterback Luke McCown, don't expect the Bulldogs to sneak up on anybody in the WAC this year.

49

Junior Luke McCown has already thrown 49 touchdown passes in his two years at Louisiana Tech.

With David Carr having departed Fresno State for the NFL, the Bulldogs now possess the conference's top quarterback in McCown, a second-team All-WAC pick in 2001. Although only a junior, McCown has already totaled a dozen games in which he has thrown for over 300 yards. He threw for 3,337 yards and 28 touchdowns in 2001.

"He's a fantastic player," Bicknell says. "He's

Depth Chart

Offense (8)

WR 82 Ahmad Harris (Sr.)	88 Tramission Davis (So.)
WR 7 D.J. Curry (Jr.)	2 Freddie King (Fr.)
WR 3 Corey Berlin (Sr.)	19 Erick Franklin (Jr.)
LT 67 Michael Gilmore (Jr.)	79 Tywain Breaux (Sr.)
LG 56 Marcus Stewart (Fr.)	64 Aaron Lips (Fr.)
C 58 Shawn Murff (Sr.)	59 Adam Bass (Jr.)
RG 72 Adrian Gonzalez (So.)	50 Ira Horyna (Jr.)
RT 70 Damian Lavergne (Sr.)	76 Clarence Casey (Jr.)
TE 89 Major Richmond (Sr.)	84 Aaron Capps (So.)
QB 11 Luke McCown (Jr.)	16 Maxie Causey (Jr.)
RB 30 Joe Smith (Sr.)	32 Allyn Sloan (Fr.)

Defense (7)

DE 36 Brandon Avance (Sr.)	90 Booker T. Washington (Sr.)
DT 48 Spencer Young (Sr.)	99 Jemelle Cage (Jr.)
DT 91 Quincy Myles (Sr.)	96 Chris Van Hoy (So.)
DE 92 Carlin Thomas (Sr.)	45 Travon Brown (So.)
LB 40 Chris Marshall (Sr.)	51 Antonio Crow (Jr.)
LB 41 Gerome Wallace (Sr.)	47 John Nash (So.)
LB 5 Curtis Randall (Sr.)	25 Jonte Price (Jr.)
CB 20 Willie Sheppard (Sr.)	24 Jerron Wishom (So.)
CB 1 Corey Brazil (Jr.)	28 Kevin Brown (Jr.)
SS 10 Michael John Lenard (Sr.)	27 Lee Johnson (So.)
FS 21 Michael Johnson (Jr.)	8 Jeremy Hamilton (Fr.)

Special Teams

K 23 Josh Scobee (Jr.)
P 37 Dustin Upton (Jr.)
KR 19 Erick Franklin (Jr.)
PR 1 Corey Brazil (Jr.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Jack Bicknell
2002 Prediction: 1st WAC

2001 Record (WAC): 7-5 (7-1)
Joe Allett Stadium (30,600)



Purdue boilermakers

NATIONAL
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RANKING

The season can't arrive soon enough for Joe Tiller and Purdue. Tiller's anticipation stems from the experience (17 starters, including nine on offense) and talent returning to West Lafayette. "I wish we could get started right now," says Tiller. "I just feel like we're going to be a better football team. We're going to do it by hard work and tweaking our system, which will put us in a position to be successful."

to running back. At 6'2", Void gives the Boilermakers better size and aggressiveness.

Considering how unhappy Tiller was with the receivers in 2001, it should be an interesting fall camp. Although every starter returns, no one has locked up a starting spot.

In just his first season, Taylor Stubblefield led Purdue in receiving and will likely be one of the team's top threats. Also seeing considerable playing time will be John Standeford. At just 191 pounds, he has trouble against bigger defensive backs, but he has soft hands. Seth Morales and Kevin Noel will also figure into the mix. Junior college transfer Anthony Chambers lived up to his advanced billing during the spring. As a result, he'll likely start. Also making a bid will Ray Williams, who might be the most sought-after receiver Purdue has signed under Tiller.

Although tight end Tim Stratton, the school's all-time leading receiver (204 catches), is gone, Mike Rhinehart and Charles Davis are expected to continue making that position a viable weapon.

With four starters back, the offensive line is expected to be much improved this fall. Kelly Kitchel, who started the last five games a year ago, is

expected to take over at left guard. Center Gene Mruczkowski is the leader up front. He has a team-high 36 career starts. Kelly Butler will start at right tackle; Rob Turner, who broke his left leg in the eighth game last season, is the starting right guard; and Pete Loughheed will start at left tackle. The average size of those five starters is just under 300 pounds.

All-Big Ten defensive end Akin Ayodele and tackle Matt Mitrione will be missed. Kevin Nesfield, a converted linebacker, will fill the void left by Ayodele, while Brandon Johnson takes over for Mitrione.

Returning starters Shaun Phillips, at end, and Craig Terrill, at tackle, should continue to blossom. Phillips possesses all the tools to be Purdue's next great sack artist. There might not be a harder worker on the team than Terrill, who was held out of spring contact after knee surgery.

Purdue's linebacking corps returns intact and should be among the nation's elite.

This group has combined for 68 career starts, led by weak-side "backer Landon Johnson (22) and middle linebacker Joe Odom (21). Niko Koutouvides is the starting strong-side linebacker. Tiller and his coaching staff experimented in the spring by moving Odom outside and Koutouvides inside, but Odom will likely remain inside.

A first-team All-Big Ten pick a year ago, free safety Stuart Schweigert needs one interception to become Purdue's all-time leader with 12. Tiller hopes that strong safety Ralph Turner is ready to go in the fall. Turner dislocated his shoulder twice last season and missed spring practice after undergoing surgery.

One of the starting cornerbacks is Antwaun Rogers, who had three interceptions as a red-shirt freshman in 2001. His counterpart will be Jacques Reeves, an accomplished sprinter.

Purdue could never replace kicker/punter Travis Dorsch. Berin Lacey will handle the kicking duties. He doesn't have Dorsch's range, but he's accurate. The punting duties will fall to Aaron Levin. Harris and Deaunte Ferrell are expected to handle kickoff returns. Morales returned punts but may be pushed by a newcomer.

Depth Chart

Offense (9)

WR 82 John Standeford (Jr.)	5	Chris James (Sr.)
WR 21 Taylor Stubblefield (So.)	84	Seth Morales (Sr.)
WR 20 Anthony Chambers (Jr.)	23	Kevin Noel (So.)
TE 83 Mike Rhinehart (So.)	87	Charles Davis (Fr.)
LT 77 Pete Loughheed (Sr.)	63	David Owen (So.)
LG 68 Kelly Kitchel (Sr.)	78	Josh Tomscheck (Fr.)
C 79 Gene Mruczkowski (Sr.)	56	Matt Turner (Fr.)
RG 54 Rob Turner (Sr.)	66	Jason Eisele (So.)
RT 71 Kelly Butler (So.)	75	Brian Wang (Fr.)
QB 18 Kyle Orton (So.)	6	Kyle Smith (Fr.)
RB 3 Montrell Lowe (Sr.)	25	Joey Harris (Jr.)

Defense (8)

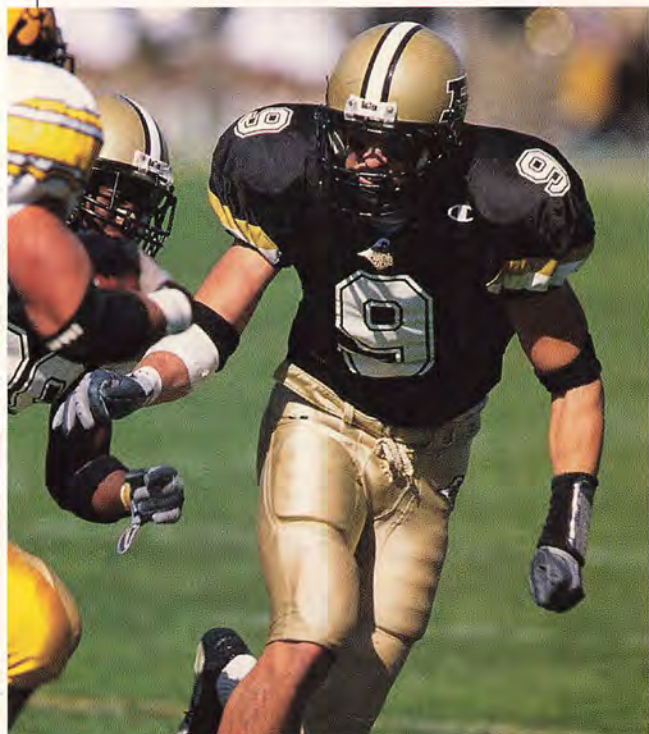
DE 22 Shaun Phillips (Jr.)	62	Vedran Dzolovic (Jr.)
DT 92 Craig Terrill (Jr.)	61	Nick Hardwick (Jr.)
DT 65 Brandon Johnson (Sr.)	55	Brandon Villareal (Fr.)
DE 40 Kevin Nesfield (Jr.)	59	Doug Swann (So.)
LB 47 Landon Johnson (Jr.)	57	Brent Hawkins (Fr.)
LB 51 Joe Odom (Sr.)	44	Jon Goldsberry (So.)
LB 34 Niko Koutouvides (Jr.)	16	Gilbert Gardner (Jr.)
CB 28 Jacques Reeves (Jr.)	33	Brian Hickman (Fr.)
CB 12 Antwaun Rogers (So.)	22	Jared Curtis (Jr.)
FS 9 Stuart Schweigert (Jr.)	37	Charles Edwards (Jr.)
SS 8 Ralph Turner (Sr.)	6	Deaunte Ferrell (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 26 Berin Lacey (Jr.)
P 29 Aaron Levin (So.)
KR 25 Joey Harris (Jr.)
PR 84 Seth Morales (Sr.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Joe Tiller 2001 Record (Big Ten): 6-6 (4-4)
2002 Prediction: 8th Big Ten Ross-Ade Stadium (62,500)



Joe Robbins

Stuart Schweigert

Kyle Orton established himself as Purdue's No. 1 man behind center after starting the final three games of the 2001 season as a true freshman. Orton continued getting a better grasp of the system during spring practice. In addition to his size and composure, coaches love Orton's arm strength and velocity.

83.3

Purdue has won 83.3 percent of its games in Ross-Ade Stadium under Joe Tiller.

Purdue's inability to run the football effectively, particularly in short-yardage situations, was a major factor in the late-season slide.

Montrell Lowe, who has rushed for nearly 2,500 yards and 15 TDs in his career, returns for his final season after struggling as a junior. Purdue will turn to Joey Harris when it wants more speed out of the backfield. Redshirt freshman Jerod Void, a state champion hurdler in high school, has been moved from receiver

Urban Meyer inherited a Bowling Green program rich in tradition but short on results in recent years. The 10-time MAC champions had slumped in the late 1990s before bottoming out in 2000 with a 2-9 record — the school's worst season since 1953.

In one short year, however, Meyer has the Falcons back among the MAC elite. Bowling

Green threw for a combined 670 yards in the Falcons' final two games, wins at Northwestern and over rival Toledo.

Meyer was not pleased with Bowling Green's running-back production in 2001. "I'm not satisfied with our play in this area and our results were not acceptable here," he says. "We need a 1,200-yard rusher."

Joe Alls, Godfrey Lewis and Todd DiBacco are top backs heading into pre-season camp. Alls (577 yards, three TDs) is the only one to average over 3.5 yards per carry.

Meyer has thirteen years as a receivers coach, so developing quality wideouts is his forte. Robert Redd is a big-time player who set a school record in 2001 with 72 catches for 884 yards, the fifth-best single-season total in school history. Sophomore Cole Magner also returns after being used as a quarterback, running back and receiver in 2001. James Hawkins could emerge during his sophomore season after catching just eight passes last fall. D'Monn Baker and Craig Jarrett are the top tight ends.

The offensive line started out as a concern but it turned into one of the team's strengths by the end of the season. BGSU returns four

starters from a unit that reduced its sack total from 51 in 2000 to 23 last fall. Jon Mazur, Greg Kupke, Dennis Wendel and Scott Mruczkowski return to the trenches, while Rob Warren, Ryan Lucas, Jesus Yanez, James Williams and Vardan Mkhitarian provide quality depth.

Alex Glantzis is the lone returning starter from what was one of the MAC's top defensive lines last season. Noseguard D.J. Owchar should break into the starting lineup after playing in every game as a junior. Andy Grubb, Mike Thaler, Jamal Bryant and Robert Haley are young tackles who will need to step up and contribute this year. The defensive ends have some game experience, but are new to the demands of playing at length.

"The defensive line is our number one concern," says Meyer. "There is talent, but it is unproven."

Chris Haneline is the lone returning starter at linebacker, but Mitch Hewitt,

Marcus Allen and Jovon Burkes each played in at least 10 games last fall. The coaching staff is high on Burkes, who they feel may become one of the MAC's top linebackers this year. Luis Llamas, Daniel Sayles and freshman Jason Kaminski provide quality depth.

Although BGSU lost both safeties to graduation, the Falcons return two solid cornerbacks in Janssen Patton, a second-team All-MAC pick in 2001, and Keon Newson. Michael Malone has been moved to strong safety and will be joined by Jason Morton, Mike Crumpler and Jerry Wagner. The coaches are excited about sophomore T.J. Carswell and true freshmen Tim Arnold, Jelani Jordan and Terrill Mayberry may also play.

The good news in the special teams is the punting situation: Pat Fleming averaged a respectable 40.1 yards per punt and downed 20 kicks inside the 20-yard line. The bad news is the placekicking: Bowling Green converted just 3-of-8 field goals for the season. Shaun Suisham returns as the kicker, but will have to beat out redshirt freshman Nate Fry to keep his job.



Bowling Green SID

Josh Harris

Green won eight games in Meyer's first season, became the first MAC team to post victories over three BCS conference members (Missouri, Temple and Northwestern) in the same season and doubled its home attendance from 8,464 per game in 2000 to 17,812 in 2001. Meyer was the consensus MAC Coach of the Year and is now regarded one of the top young coaches in the country.

6 The Falcons' six-win improvement in 2001 marked the biggest improvement in Division I-A. BGSU went 2-9 in '00 and 8-3 in '01.

Bowling Green boasts two quality quarterbacks and Meyer intends to play both Andy Sahm and Josh Harris. Sahm has more experience (31 games, 24 starts, 3,904 yards and 26 TDs) but Harris will be difficult to keep off the field if his play at the end of the 2001 season carries over to the fall. The junior

Depth Chart

Offense (8)

WR 21 Cole Magner (So.)	35 Charles Sharon (Fr.)
WR 82 James Hawkins (So.)	8 Cornelius McGrady (So.)
LT 78 Dennis Wendel (Sr.)	58 Rob Warren (Fr.)
LG 79 Scott Mruczkowski (So.)	74 Ryan Lucas (Jr.)
C 72 Jon Mazur (Sr.)	60 Jesus Yanez (Jr.)
RG 66 Greg Kupke (Sr.)	75 Andy Wenstrup (So.)
RT 54 James Williams (Jr.)	76 Vardan Mkhitarian (Jr.)
TE 87 D'Monn Baker (Jr.)	47 Craig Jarrett (Jr.)
QB 5 Josh Harris (Jr.)	15 Andy Sahm (Sr.)
TB 22 Joe Alls (Sr.)	23 Godfrey Lewis (Sr.)
WR 1 Robert Redd (Sr.)	83 John Nicholson (Fr.)

Defense (4)

DE 40 Mitchell Crossley (Fr.)	95 Ron Blue (So.)
NT 88 D.J. Owchar (Sr.)	67 Andy Grubb (So.)
DT 93 Alex Glantzis (Sr.)	94 Robert Haley (Jr.)
DE 97 Will Teague (Sr.)	98 Pascal Kokke (Fr.)
LB 34 Jovon Burkes (So.)	28 Marcus Allen (Sr.)
LB 44 Chris Haneline (Sr.)	52 Luis Llamas (Jr.)
LB 11 Mitch Hewitt (Jr.)	53 Daniel Sayles (So.)
CB 2 Janssen Patton (Jr.)	6 Emmanuel Hendrix (Sr.)
CB 17 Keon Newson (So.)	Tim Arnold (Fr.)
SS 19 Jason Morton (Jr.)	30 Michael Malone (Jr.)
FS 37 Jerry Wagner (Sr.)	31 Mike Crumpler (Fr.)

Special Teams

K 38 Shaun Suisham (So.)
P 48 Pat Fleming (Sr.)
KR 22 Joe Alls (Sr.)
PR 1 Robert Redd (Sr.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Urban Meyer 2001 Record (MWC): 8-3 (5-3)
2002 Prediction: 1st MAC West Perry Stadium (30,599)



Wake Forest demon deacons

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RANKING

Wake Forest football finds itself in an odd place. The Deacons, traditionally everybody's favorite homecoming opponent, enter the second year of the Jim Grobe era facing increased expectations.

"It's good to have expectations," says Grobe, who guided the Deacons to a 6-5 record last season after arriving from Ohio University. "The kids feel they can go on campus and hold

seems to have picked up a step since last season. We're more comfortable running more option with him. He has a little different feel to him. You sense he's more confident."

The Deacons led the ACC in rushing last year (221.6 yards per game) and they return their top three tailbacks. The best is senior Tarence Williams. Voted the team's MVP last year by his teammates, Williams quietly became one of the ACC's most productive backs, running for 1,018 yards and 10 touchdowns.

The Deacs, however, are far from a one-man backfield. Fred Staton (583 yards and seven TDs in '01) and Nick Burney (139 yards) will get plenty of opportunities to run the ball. Grobe also wants to involve senior fullback Ovie Mughelli more often.

The graduation of John Stone, a fixture at wide receiver, clears a path for a potential new star. The most likely player to fit that role is Jason Anderson. But if Grobe gets his wish of throwing 25 to 30 passes per game, the Deacons will need to spread the ball to several receivers. Senior Fabian Davis has good speed and has shown flashes of brilliance. Maurice Moten and Derek Tharpe could also make major impacts. The most intriguing character may be

prefers to use a five-man front playing slants and angles, he expects to again employ more of a 3-3-5 alignment to best utilize his personnel.

Inside linebacker Kellen Brantley is coming off a 95-tackle season that included three interceptions. Jamie Scott has been shifted from running back to linebacker, but his inexperience remains a question. The same goes for junior Dion Williams, who missed the Deacons' last eight games in 2001 with an injury.

Brad White, a Georgia transfer, played well in the spring and figures to be Wake's starting middle linebacker for the next three years.

The Deacons have good experience in the secondary. Junior Obi Chukwumah, who played both safety and corner last year, is a reliable presence. Quintin Williams led Wake Forest with 11 passes broken up while Caron Bracy will build on a solid finish to last season.

Replacing place kicker Tyler Ashe is a major concern for Grobe. Freshman Chris Strappel and sophomore Matt Wisnosky are the leading candidates. The Deacons also want more dependable punting this season. That responsibility could fall to junior Chris Rolle again.

The return duties, handled so well for so long by Stone, will now go to Davis.



Wade Payne

Calvin Pace

their heads up. But there's a danger in that, too. If you're not careful, the tendency is to feel you've arrived. But we are definitely a work in progress."



Wake Forest won four road games in '01 for just the second time since 1951.

Senior quarterback James MacPherson went into last season coming off major knee surgery and with an uncertain grip on the position. This year, MacPherson is healthier and more comfortable running Grobe's versatile offense.

MacPherson was under center when Wake won at Virginia for the first time in 17 years, and he was there again the next week, engineering a staggering comeback against North Carolina. Any lingering effects from an ankle injury that slowed him at midseason gradually disappeared. "He became more dependable in the second half of the season," Grobe says. "He

Anthony Young, who shared the quarterback job with MacPherson last season before being moved back to receiver.

Playing a lot of players paid off last season and should continue to pay off this year. That approach may be most important along the offensive line. Junior Tyson Clabo and seniors Blake Henry and Tim Bennett, the most experienced linemen, give the Deacons a solid nucleus. Mark Moroz shifted from tight end to tackle with good results last year.

If inexperience becomes a problem, it could be at center where sophomore Blake Lingruen and redshirt freshman Craig Jones are battling for the start.

Wake's linemen allowed only 13 sacks last year, the fewest in the ACC.

On the defensive front, second-team All-ACC performer Nate Bolling is gone, but end Calvin Pace (another second-team All-ACC player) and nosetackle Montique Sharpe are serious talents. Though Grobe

Depth Chart

Offense (8)

WR 80 Jason Anderson (So.)	13 Anthony Young (Jr.)
WR 21 Fabian Davis (Sr.)	84 Maurice Moten (Fr.)
LT 78 Mark Moroz (Jr.)	66 Greg Adkins (Fr.)
LG 77 Tyson Clabo (Jr.)	58 Masanori Toguchi (Sr.)
C 60 Craig Jones (Fr.)	76 Blake Lingruen (So.)
RG 72 Blake Henry (Sr.)	51 Chad Rebar (Jr.)
RT 55 Tim Bennett (Sr.)	68 David Walters (Sr.)
TE 89 Ray Thomas (Sr.)	86 Josh Warren (Jr.)
QB 11 James MacPherson (Sr.)	17 Cory Randolph (Fr.)
FB 32 Ovie Mughelli (Sr.)	5 Fred Staton (Jr.)
TB 12 Tarence Williams (Sr.)	5 Fred Staton (Jr.)

Defense (8)

DE 93 Calvin Pace (Sr.)	95 Joe Salsich (So.)
NT 92 Montique Sharpe (Sr.)	57 Goryal Scales (Fr.)
DE 90 Roderick Stephen (Sr.)	85 Jerome Nichols (So.)
LB 23 Mike Hamlar (So.)	46 Jamie Scott (Sr.)
LB 54 Kellen Brantley (Jr.)	40 Trevor Harris (So.)
LB 45 Brad White (So.)	34 Dion Williams (Jr.)
Ban 28 Caron Bracy (So.)	48 Daryl Shaw (Jr.)
CB 10 Eric King (So.)	4 Robert Simmons (Fr.)
CB 20 Marcus McGruder (So.)	24 Ricky Perez (Jr.)
SS 14 Obi Chukwumah (Jr.)	27 Warren Braxton (So.)
FS 22 Quintin Williams (Jr.)	26 Elliot Ivey (Sr.)

Special Teams

K 36 Matt Wisnosky (So.)
P 6 Chris Rolle (Jr.)
KR 21 Fabian Davis (Sr.)
PR 21 Fabian Davis (Sr.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Jim Grobe 2001 Record (ACC): 6-5 (3-5)
2002 Prediction: 7th ACC Groves Stadium (31,500)

The question for new coach Buddy Teevens isn't whether he can bring a high-powered passing attack, such as the one he ran with Steve Spurrier at Florida, to Stanford. No, the more important question is whether Teevens can develop a plan to stop Stanford's opponents from looking like Florida.

With eight defensive starters gone, Teevens says, "We have some holes to fill." Holes?

impressive in spring drills and he looked like a legitimate threat to land one outside linebacker job. David Bergeron and Jon Alston will battle for the other outside spot.

Inside, Jake Covault, Jared Newberry, Kris Bonifas and Pat Jacobs were fighting to start.

Just like the situation at linebacker, Stanford has to replace a lot of talent and experience in the defensive backfield. The depth chart could

change dramatically before the season begins. "We're placing some very high expectations on these guys," Teevens says. "We're doing everything in practice at a very high speed, re-creating game conditions. We're going to be very physical and hope we play the game like we practice."

Along the defensive front Matt Leonard, who was plagued by a back injury last season, will be asked to hold together an inexperienced group. Part-time starters Craig Albrecht and Trey Freeman will be fighting for the other defensive tackle position. Ends Amon Gordon and Louis Hobson will be under the microscope. With Stanford so inexperienced at linebacker and in the secondary, it is critical that Gordon and Hobson prove they can pressure the quarterback without the help of the blitz.

Offensively, the Cardinal are in much better shape. Quarterback Chris Lewis isn't one of the seven returning starters on offense, but don't try to convince his teammates he has been a reserve. They know better. Through his first two seasons, Lewis threw for 2,456 yards and 20 touchdowns as Randy Fasani's backup. Lewis came off the bench last season to orchestrate a 49-42 victory over Oregon. The following week he led the Cardinal to a victory over No. 5 UCLA. Behind Lewis are untested players, so Lewis' durability could be a key to the season.

Kerry Carter could become a 1,000-yard rusher now that he doesn't have to share the position. Carter rushed for 456 yards in 2001 and has scored 23 TDs in his career. The reliable Casey Moore has started 33 consecutive games at fullback and gained 345 yards rushing in 2001.

Wideout Luke Powell (40 catches, 790 yards, seven touchdowns) proved last sea-

son that he is more than just one of the nation's top return specialists. He averaged 19.8 yards per catch last season. His 16.0-yard average on punt returns speaks to his fearlessness as well as his elusiveness.

As talented as Powell is, Teyo Johnson, the Pac-10 2001 co-Freshman of the Year, will draw most of the attention due to his tremendous height and leaping ability. "He needs to be more meticulous in running his routes, but he seems to be very excited to learn," Teevens says.

Powell and Johnson are the marquee players, but Lewis will have plenty of targets as Stanford returns players who made 168 of the team's 176 receptions last season.

The middle of the offensive line took a hit with the graduation of All-Pac-10 guard Eric Heitmann and center Zack Quaccia, but returning tackle Kwame Harris and guard Greg Schindler were both All-Pac-10 second-teamers. Tackle Kirk Chambers was honorable mention all-league, so the line should be solid.

The kicking game will be another cause for concern. Eric Johnson averaged just 38.1 yards per punt last season. Freshman Michael Sgroi, who has been impressive in practice, inherits the kicking job.



Peter Brouillet

Chris Lewis

Stanford lost its top eight tacklers, and 10 of its top 12. Those players also accounted for 53 tackles for a loss and 11 sacks.

Former coach Tyrone Willingham, now the head man at Notre Dame, showed the Cardinal faithful that the red and white can be competitive on a regular basis. Teevens has inherited a lot of pressure, along with the aforementioned losses in talent.

416

Stanford's top eight tacklers recorded a combined 416 tackles last season. All eight players are gone.

The biggest holes to fill are at linebacker where all three starters are gone. Teevens' first acid test to find replacements was a simple one: Who can run the fastest? "We have a lot of unknown commodities," he says. "But we have to find guys who can run."

Redshirt freshman Michael Craven was

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

SE	4 Ryan Wells (Sr.)	5 Teyo Johnson (So.)
FL	6 Luke Powell (Jr.)	3 Caleb Bowman (Sr.)
RT	77 Kwame Harris (Jr.)	63 Mike Sullivan (Jr.)
RG	69 Greg Schindler (Sr.)	72 Dustin Stimson (Jr.)
C	73 Tom Kolich (Sr.)	64 Andy Clavin (So.)
LG	76 Paul Weinacht (Sr.)	71 Brian Head (Fr.)
LT	67 Kirk Chambers (Jr.)	66 Edmond O'Neal (Jr.)
TE	88 Brett Pierce (Jr.)	89 Darin Naatjes (Jr.)
QB	10 Chris Lewis (Jr.)	14 Ryan Eklund (So.)
FB	32 Casey Moore (Sr.)	19 Eran Landry (Jr.)
HB	8 Kerry Carter (Jr.)	26 Kenneth Tolon (So.)

Defense (3)

DE	18 Amon Gordon (So.)	95 Drew Caylor (Jr.)
DT	99 Matt Leonard (Sr.)	98 Scott Scharff (So.)
NT	79 Craig Albrecht (Sr.)	93 Trey Freeman (Sr.)
DE	90 Louis Hobson (Jr.)	55 Cooper Blackhurst (Jr.)
LB	48 David Bergeron (So.)	37 Jon Alston (Fr.)
LB	38 Jake Covault (Jr.)	49 Jared Newberry (So.)
LB	50 Michael Craven (Fr.)	44 Brian Brant (Jr.)
CB	28 Stanley Wilson (So.)	31 Garry Cobb (Sr.)
CB	29 Leigh Torrence (So.)	25 Calvin Armstrong (Fr.)
SS	21 O.J. Atogwe (So.)	27 Jim Johnson (Jr.)
FS	20 Collin Branch (Sr.)	43 Jason White (Sr.)

Special Teams

K	46 Michael Sgroi (Fr.)
P	39 Eric Johnson (Jr.)
KR	4 Ryan Wells (Sr.)
PR	6 Luke Powell (Jr.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Buddy Teevens
2002 Prediction: 7th Pac-10

2001 Record (Pac-10): 9-3 (6-2)
Stanford Stadium (85,500)



Cincinnati bearcats

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RANKING

Entering his ninth year at Cincinnati, coach Rick Minter has established an attainable goal for his program. "Maybe we are getting to a point where people are talking about us like they do a Southern Miss, a Louisville, an East Carolina — that we are constantly going to be pretty good," he says.

If Minter is using those schools as measur-

DeMarco McCleskey will be the featured runner in Cincinnati's one-back attack, though Minter says he likes to use a lot of players at the position. While that may be true, McCleskey enters the season as the team's most established and experienced runner and has led the team in rushing two of the past four years.

Minter said he has "a host of guys" who will attempt to share the position with McCleskey, including Tedric Harwell, David Harris and Richard Hall, the 1998 Ohio high school Player of the Year.

Not many teams in the nation can start three seniors at wide receiver, but that is exactly the position the Bearcats find themselves in. LaDaris Vann, Tye Keith and Jon Olinger all return from productive junior seasons and will be counted on to help move the football this fall.

"If we are ever going to have a good throwing game, you would like to think with a returning starter at quarterback and three senior wideouts, this is our time," Minter says.

A.J. Lucius is expected to battle junior college transfer Russ Owens for the mostly blocking role at tight end.

The Bearcats welcome back three offensive line

starters in left guard Kirt Doolin, right tackle Josh Gardner (three-year starter) and center Josh Shneyderov, Cincinnati's Offensive Lineman of the Year in 2001. Minter feels that trio should be able to anchor the position as some new faces work their way into the mix.

Like the wide receiver position, Cincinnati is loaded with experience along the defensive line and is expected to possibly rotate seven seniors into the four-man alignment.

The top of the line, so to speak, is Antwan Peek, a converted safety who has used his athleticism to become one of the conference's best down linemen. Peek has 21 career sacks, a school record.

Other veterans along the line are Derrick Adams, who will start at right end, and tackles DeMarcus Billings and Matt Tupuola.

If there is a question mark on defense, it is at the linebacker position, though

Minter is confident his young group can come through. Middle linebacker Willis Edwards and weak-side linebacker Jason Hunt both return and appeared to hold their positions in the spring. The strong side may be manned by Jason Russell, though Minter says "the dust has not settled at that spot."

Experience is plentiful in the secondary for the Bearcats, prompting Minter to fret more about his second team than his first. "We have more a question of depth than quality," he says.

The safeties both return from last season in Doug Monaghan and Ivan Fields, and the corners will be veteran Blue Adams and Zach Norton, who led the team in interceptions with three.

The departure of punter Adam Wulfeck, a four-year starter and three-time All-C-USA choice, leaves a void.

Joe Wolke, Kyle McDaniel and freshman Chet Ervin will battle for the starting nod.

On the flip side, the placekicking duties are not a worry. Jonathan Ruffin, the 2000 Lou Groza Award winner, will resume a stellar career in which he has made 43 field goals, including 38-of-45 over the last two years.



Allen Kae

Gino Guidugli

ing sticks, his program is doing just fine. With a senior-laden and experienced team, Minter's 2002 squad will likely challenge for the Conference USA title after second-place finishes the past two seasons.

3 Rick Minter has led the Bearcats to three bowl games in the last five years, matching Cincinnati's total for the first 107 years of the program.

The most important position on the field is in excellent hands with Gino Guidugli, who tore up the conference as a true freshman when starter Adam Hoover was lost for the year in Week 2. Guidugli was a cool customer in spite of his youth, throwing for 2,573 yards and 16 touchdowns. "He came in with such an air of confidence, you don't really notice a whole lot of difference (in the spring)," Minter says. "We do want his confidence to grow and there is room for it to grow."

Depth Chart

Offense (8)

WR 6 LaDaris Vann (Sr.)	22 Derick Ross (Fr.)
WR 84 Jon Olinger (Sr.)	2 Carl Jones (Fr.)
WR 3 Tye Keith (Sr.)	19 Daven Holly (So.)
LT 75 Kyle Takavitz (So.)	77 Clint Stickdon (So.)
LG 72 Kirt Doolin (Sr.)	79 Adam Shorter (So.)
C 66 Josh Shneyderov (Jr.)	65 Matt Mercer (So.)
RG 74 Joel Yakovac (Fr.)	68 Travis McGee (So.)
RT 67 Josh Gardner (Sr.)	69 Jeremy Schlicher (So.)
TE 89 A.J. Lucius (So.)	82 Justin LaForgia (Fr.)
QB 8 Gino Guidugli (So.)	7 George Murray (So.)
RB 31 DeMarco McCleskey (Sr.)	25 Tedric Harwell (Jr.)

Defense (8)

DE 56 Antwan Peek (Sr.)	91 Andre Frazier (So.)
DT 95 DeMarcus Billings (Sr.)	76 Ka'Son Love (Sr.)
DT 90 Matt Tupuola (Sr.)	97 Ben Piening (Sr.)
DE 93 Derrick Adams (Sr.)	99 Darryll Ransom (Sr.)
LB 30 Jason Russell (Jr.)	59 Jermaine Wilson (So.)
LB 51 Willis Edwards (Sr.)	46 Jamar Enzor (So.)
LB 58 Jason Hunt (Sr.)	55 Jamey Murphy (So.)
CB 24 Blue Adams (Sr.)	34 Marvin Allen (Jr.)
CB 29 Zach Norton (Jr.)	4 Moryell Williams (So.)
SS 45 Doug Monaghan (So.)	21 Frank Lang (Sr.)
FS 26 Ivan Fields (Sr.)	23 John Hinson (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 16 Jonathan Ruffin (Sr.)
P 13 Joe Wolke (Fr.)
KR 6 LaDaris Vann (Sr.)
PR 6 LaDaris Vann (Sr.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Rick Minter 2001 Record (C-USA): 7-5 (5-2)
2002 Prediction: 3rd C-USA Nippert Stadium (35,000)

Les Miles showed up at Oklahoma State intent on changing mindsets before turning around the Cowboys' failing football fortunes. It took every bit of his first season, but in Week 11, Miles might have scored a breakthrough on both fronts. That's the hope being pinned on the Cowboys' stunning 16-13 win over Oklahoma last November. Finally, the Cowboys proved confident

away threat, Bell needs to run tougher between the tackles. Unlike a year ago, Bell will be pushed, with Seymore Shaw and Greg Jones bidding for playing time. Mike Denard and Tim Burrough are athletic fullbacks.

Rashaun Woods, who caught the game-winning toss against Oklahoma, is a legitimate All-America candidate at receiver.

Woods led the Big 12 with 1,023 receiving yards and broke Hart Lee Dykes' school record with 80 receptions. He also had 10 touchdown grabs. To prevent defensive coordinators from concentrating heavily on Woods, T.D. Bryant and John Lewis offer big-play potential and double-team protection at the other wideouts. Gabe Lindsay, who missed all last season after back surgery, also returns.

The Cowboys are hoping Billy Bajema and Mark Milosevich progress at tight end.

Three seniors who combined for more than 60 career starts are gone, leaving a hole in the middle of the offensive line. Junior college All-American Sam Hall eased fears with a strong spring and should be an improvement at center. But no one has emerged at either guard spot, leading to the biggest concern of fall drills.

The tackles are solid.

Senior Jason Russell, the team's most consistent lineman, is back to anchor the right side. Three-year starter Kyle Eaton returns opposite Russell. Sam Mayes, forced into action due to injuries a year ago, has a great upside and could be shifted to guard.

By the end of last season, OSU's defensive front four was one of the team's strengths. With all four starters returning, and the addition of Lance Carson, one of the top junior college recruits in the country, the unit could be downright dominant. Tackles Kevin Williams and LaWaylon Brown plug the inside. Greg Richmond has settled in at end after a shift from linebacker. Speedy Khreem Smith started all 11 games after arriving from junior college, yet finds himself behind Kyle Beck on the depth chart. Backup tackle Clay Coe is improved and provides depth. Carson provides even more.

Gone is middle linebacker Dwayne Lev-

els, the driving force of the defense the past two years. He will be missed. Terrence Robinson, Levels' sidekick the past two years, shifts into the middle, and coaches believe Robinson will live up to his pal's high standard of play.

But the other linebacker in defensive coordinator Bill Clay's 4-2-5 scheme is unsettled. Paul Duren, a former high school quarterback, had an impressive off-season. Duren will be the starter entering the fall, when as many as four highly-touted freshmen will join the mix.

The secondary discovered a new personality in Clay's system, which offered a radical departure from the previous gambling style.

Big-hitting safety Elbert Craig is back after finishing second on the team with 98 tackles. Chris Massey should benefit from finally concentrating on defense only.

Darrent Williams, a superb cover man, has the look of a future star. Williams returned two picks for scores in the Baylor win. Ricklan Holmes and Kobina Amoo have both started on the opposite side.

The Pokes haven't identified a punter. Otherwise, special teams are a strength with kicker Luke Phillips and talented return men in Massey and Bryant.



Chris Covatta

Rashaun Woods

and capable. Now, can they carry it over?

Quarterback Josh Fields hasn't started a game at OSU but he's already being hailed as a hero. That happens when you strike down the Sooners as a true freshman. Fields, who surprised everyone with his poise and confidence, won the starting job over incumbent Aso Pogi in the spring. The skills — a strong arm, outstanding vision and escapability — are all there.

1988

OSU has had just one winning season since 1988 and hasn't won a bowl game since beating Wyoming in the '88 Holiday Bowl.

Miles has vowed to upgrade the running game, which failed to average 100 yards per game. The coaches challenged tailback Tatum Bell, one of the nation's top recruits two years ago, and liked his response in the off-season. Bell worked in the weight room and added 10 pounds, pushing him to 200. Already a break-

Depth Chart

Offense (9)

WR 82 Rashaun Woods (Jr.)	85 John Wohlgenuth (So.)
WR 6 John Lewis (Sr.)	88 Willie Young (Sr.)
WR 17 T.D. Bryant (Sr.)	14 Errick McCown (So.)
LT 65 Kyle Eaton (Sr.)	73 Doug Koenig (Jr.)
LG 79 Jon Hayhurst (Jr.)	99 Corey Curtis (So.)
C 60 Sam Hall (Sr.)	69 Chris Akin (So.)
RG 76 Sam Mayes (So.)	78 Kellen Davis (So.)
RT 52 Jason Russell (Sr.)	71 Dustin Vanderhoof (Sr.)
TE* 86 Billy Bajema (So.)	80 Mark Milosevich (So.)
QB 13 Josh Fields (So.)	2 Aso Pogi (Jr.)
RB 7 Tatum Bell (Jr.)	9 Greg Jones (So.)
FB 29 Mike Denard (Sr.)	40 Tim Burrough (Jr.)

Defense (9)

RE 45 Greg Richmond (Jr.)	82 Trumain Carroll (So.)
DT 58 Kevin Williams (Sr.)	Lance Carson (Jr.)
NT 89 LaWaylon Brown (Sr.)	96 Clay Coe (So.)
DE 51 Kyle Beck (Sr.)	95 Khreem Smith (Jr.)
LB 12 Paul Duren (So.)	49 Justin Deason (Sr.)
LB 30 Terrence Robinson (Sr.)	49 Justin Deason (Sr.)
WS 8 Chris Massey (Sr.)	6 Charlie Ward (So.)
CB 33 Darrent Williams (So.)	6 Chris Wright (So.)
CB 1 Ricklan Holmes (Sr.)	4 Kobina Amoo (Sr.)
FS 3 Elbert Craig (Jr.)	22 Chase Holland (So.)
SS 7 Kirk Milligan (Sr.)	22 Fath' Carter (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 27 Luke Phillips (Jr.)
P 18 Cole Farden (So.)
KR 8 Chris Massey (Sr.)
PR 17 T.D. Bryant (Sr.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters

BOLD indicates returning starters

*The 12 offensive positions represent OSU's multiple formations

Head Coach: Les Miles 2001 Record (Big 12): 4-7 (2-6)
2002 Prediction: 5th Big 12 South Lewis Field (48,000)



Fresno State bulldogs

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RANKING

Fresno State and head coach Pat Hill deposited themselves on the college football map in 2001. Now comes the tough part — staying there.

Another brutal schedule looms, and the Bulldogs can no longer ride David Carr's rocket right arm. But Hill is confident his program can absorb the losses and challenge for the WAC title and its fourth consecutive bowl berth.

and accuracy. And Grady's knowledge of the offense is so vast that he helped bring first-year offensive coordinator Frank Cignetti up to speed on the Bulldogs' terminology. Now he has to do it in a game.

Where have you been, Derrick Ward? Fresno State's leading rusher as a freshman, Ward was hobbled by injuries as a sophomore and ruled academically ineligible as a junior. Now the 230-pounder is back for one last go-round and he looked like his old dominating self in the spring.

Therrian Fontenot complements Ward's shifty power with tremendous speed to the outside. Ward and Fontenot are joined by fullback James Cummings, the kind of north-south runner Hill loves.

Even with the loss of leading receiver Rodney Wright, Grady will certainly not be lacking for talented targets, starting with Bernard Berrian, who many project to be picked in the first round of next year's NFL Draft. Berrian, whose specialty is turning short catches into long gains, will be the primary target, followed by Marque Davis and Deandre Gilbert. A top-flight athlete, Davis has come up with the big catch but must work on consistency.

Fresno State returns five members of last year's six-man offensive line rotation. Size is abundant as all five projected starters weigh 300 pounds or more. Three-year starter Rodney Michael anchors a potentially dominating unit at center. Fitu Tu'ua and Victor Taifane stand alongside Michael at left and right guard, respectively. Mammoth Joe Schey (6'6", 330) mans the right tackle spot, while Logan Mankins, is entrenched at left tackle.

What Carr was to the offense, Alan Harper was to the defense. To help fill the shoes vacated by the All-WAC performer, Hill brings Clarence Denning from the outside to Harper's tackle spot. Denning had nine sacks at defensive end. Active noseguard Jason Stewart, a fiery, emotional leader, must stay healthy after missing four games with a concussion. All-WAC pick Nick Burley returns at left defensive end, the primary pass-rushing position. On the

right side, Brian Morris must stay healthy after knee injuries ended his last two seasons.

Marc Dailey provides a steady inside presence at linebacker. A steady run plugger and film-room nut, Dailey recorded 77 tackles a year ago. Sam Williams always had the frame (6'5", 245) and speed (4.5) to be a star. He began playing like one last season, taking over the starting position in the eighth game. If talent were the only consideration, Jermaine McDermott would be starting on the strong side. But coachability and academics are at issue.

A major overhaul is underway in the secondary as the Bulldogs must replace both starting cornerbacks and a cornerstone safety. Hard-hitting safety Bryce McGill is still around. Cameron Worrell moves atop the depth chart at free safety, but he'll have to hold off Nate Ray, a converted quarterback and special teams demon. Worrell must correct his tendency for costly penalties. Known more for his punt coverage exploits, Kendall Edwards will handle one cornerback position.

Kicker Asen Asparuhov and punter Jason Simpson, both returning first-team all-conference picks, rank among the best in the country.

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

WR 11 Marque Davis (Jr.)	18 Adam Jennings (Fr.)
WR 87 Deandre Gilbert (Jr.)	89 Lenny McCormick (So.)
WR 2 Bernard Berrian (Sr.)	19 Jermaine Jamison (Fr.)
LT 74 Logan Mankins (So.)	68 Matt Stevenson (Fr.)
LG 67 Fitu Tu'ua (Jr.)	70 Sean Finnerty (Fr.)
C 72 Rodney Michael (Sr.)	50 Dartagnon Shack (So.)
RG 65 Victor Taifane (Sr.)	60 Tamarus Tyson (Jr.)
RT 75 Joe Schey (Sr.)	68 Matt Stevenson (Fr.)
QB 15 Jeff Grady (Jr.)	13 Paul Pinegar (Fr.)
HB 81 Alec Greco (Jr.)	80 John Morris (Fr.)
TB 34 Derrick Ward (Sr.)	7 Therrian Fontenot (So.)

Defense (7)

DE 55 Brian Morris (Jr.)	43 Asa Taylor (Jr.)
DT 93 Clarence Denning (Jr.)	56 Fai Satele (So.)
NT 91 Jason Stewart (Sr.)	62 Del Hawkins (Jr.)
DE 90 Nick Burley (Sr.)	92 Ross Taliaferro (Sr.)
LB 35 David Adamo (So.)	88 Jermaine McDermott (Jr.)
LB 31 Marc Dailey (Jr.)	58 Jamal Jones (So.)
LB 40 Sam Williams (Sr.)	58 Jamal Jones (So.)
CB 37 Demorieux Reneau (Sr.)	10 Dee Meza (Jr.)
CB 39 Kendall Edwards (Jr.)	27 Awan Diles (Fr.)
SS 5 Bryce McGill (Jr.)	23 James Sanders (Fr.)
FS 29 Cameron Worrell (Sr.)	3 Nate Ray (So.)

Special Teams

K 32 Asen Asparuhov (Sr.)
P 48 Jason Simpson (Sr.)
KR 2 Bernard Berrian (Jr.)
PR 2 Bernard Berrian (Jr.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Pat Hill
2002 Prediction: 2nd WAC

2001 Record (WAC): 11-3 (6-2)
Bulldog Stadium (41,031)



Peter Brouillet

Bernard Berrian

"The talent pool is pretty deep here, but what I don't know about is leadership," Hill says. "This group of seniors is going to have to step up, because there's taller mountains to climb this year than last year."

Now that Carr's counting his NFL mil-

20,872

Fresno State traveled 20,872 miles to its seven road games last season. No school logged as many miles as the Bulldogs.

lions, the Bulldogs turn to Jeff Grady to keep the steering wheel straight. Grady has been nothing if not patient. His three-year apprenticeship includes two seasons as a backup and one as an unofficial quarterbacks coach to Carr. With just 23 career pass attempts, Grady will be learning on the go. In practice and scrimmages, the 6'2", 210-pounder has consistently shown good touch



Missouri tigers

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RANKING

After a 35-16 loss against Texas in Columbia, Missouri coach Gary Pinkel expressed his displeasure in the locker room by "throwing some stuff," center A.J. Ricker says. "But I like that, really."

Pinkel's competitive intensity and aversion to moral victories — the Tigers had stayed with North Division champ Texas through three quarters — are shared by his players.



Al Koolstra

Justin Gage

Even though the Pinkel era began with an embarrassing loss at home to Bowling Green — which elicited boos beginning in the second quarter — the Tigers managed to earn the respect of conference foes by season's end with their rugged, disciplined play.

6 Missouri's offensive line allowed only six sacks last season.

A well-coached team "doesn't beat itself," Pinkel says. The Tigers won't.

Kirk Farmer has described his career at Missouri as a "roller coaster of emotions" thanks to injuries. He missed the last five games in 1999 because of a broken leg, the last seven games in 2000 because of a broken collarbone and suffered a torn MCL early last season. He only missed one game in '01, though, because of a broken bone in his right hand, suffered in an off-the-field incident.

Brad Smith, who won't celebrate his 19th birthday until late August, pressed Farmer in spring practice, enough so that the starting job won't be determined until preseason camp. Smith's emergence had more to do with his ability than any glaring deficiency on Farmer's part.

The 2001 Tigers rushed for 1,841 yards and passed for 1,895 yards, on a comparable number of plays. Even so, the running game needs to improve. Zack Abron, a solid north-south runner, gained 100 or more yards five times. Tyrone Roberson, who was eased into action as a true freshman, could be a much-needed breakout threat.

Justin Gage is a big-time wide receiver, with the size and athleticism to be a significant contributor on Missouri's NCAA Final Eight basketball team. He caught 74 passes for 920 yards and five touchdowns last season and ranks fourth on the Tigers' career list for receptions and receiving yards. He also was the team's lone big-play threat. Marcus James, Thomson Omboga, Tay Jackson and Shirdonya Mitchell, the team's fastest player, combined for barely half as many receptions as Gage.

The task of replacing Dwayne Blakley at tight end falls on the shoulders of Ben Fredrickson, a proven blocker.

Ricker and Rob Droege are the only returning starters from an offensive line that provided excellent protection and cleared the way for the fifth-best rushing attack in the conference. Ricker is Pinkel's kind of player — physical, technically sound and consistent. Droege settled in after getting an opportunity because of an injury and showed marked improvement.

Although offensive line coach Dave Christensen sorted through an inexperienced group including Tony Clinker, Cliff Young, Joe Gianino and redshirt freshmen Tony Palmer and Jason Rhodes in the spring, the line won't be set until junior college transfers Howard Brissette and Steven Sanchez arrive.

The defensive front should be solid, with Keith Wright, Antwaun Bynum and Cedric Harden returning and junior college transfer Atiyah Ellison coming on

board in the spring. Wright can play end or tackle and is stronger than last season, when he made 68 tackles and forced two fumbles. Bynum, a converted linebacker, was credited with a team-high seven sacks and 16 tackles for a loss.

Linebacker Sean Doyle led the league with 131 tackles, and the senior is as good as there is at his position in the Big 12. The defense tries to funnel things his way. If James Kinney can pick up where he left off, he'll be a factor alongside Doyle.

Taurus Ferguson, a converted running back, is a sure tackler at rover, while Antoine Duncan and R.J. Jones have the speed to be serviceable cover corners. Marcus King, a special teams player last fall, played his way into the mix with a strong spring.

Brock Harvey had his moments but he was inconsistent overall, averaging 39.5 yards in his first season as a punter. The Tigers' ranked 112th nationally in net punting, with a paltry 30.5-yard average, and need to improve all aspects of their punt coverage.

Walk-on Ben Lambert is a kicking candidate, as is junior college transfer Todd Gohsler, who also can punt.

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

WR 1 Marcus James (Jr.)	9 Tay Jackson (Jr.)
WR 12 Justin Gage (Sr.)	87 Thomson Omboga (So.)
WT 76 Rob Droege (Jr.)	73 Jason Rhodes (Fr.)
WG 58 Cliff Young (Jr.)	61 J.P. Hall (Sr.)
C 70 A.J. Ricker (Jr.)	69 Scott Sells (Jr.)
SG 57 Joe Gianino (So.)	65 Wes Wilson (Sr.)
ST 68 Tony Clinker (So.)	78 Scott Paffrath (So.)
TE 93 Ben Fredrickson (Sr.)	96 Earl Stephens (Fr.)
RB 34 Joe Chirumbolo (Sr.)	89 J.D. McCoy (Jr.)
QB 14 Kirk Farmer (Sr.)	16 Brad Smith (Fr.)
TB 38 Zack Abron (Jr.)	25 Tyrone Roberson (So.)

Defense (8)

DE 4 Antwaun Bynum (Sr.)	28 Terrell Mills (So.)
NT 90 Cedric Harden (Sr.)	95 C.J. Mosley (Fr.)
DT 94 Phil Pitts (So.)	97 Atiyah Ellison (So.)
DE 77 Keith Wright (Sr.)	79 Nick Tarpoff (So.)
LB 24 James Kinney (So.)	54 Brandon Smith (Fr.)
LB 32 Sean Doyle (Sr.)	46 Henry Sweat (So.)
ROV 20 Taurus Ferguson (Sr.)	48 Marcus Caldwell (Jr.)
OS 29 Gary Anthony (Sr.)	49 Justin Scott (Fr.)
CB 7 Antoine Duncan (Sr.)	26 Michael Harden (Jr.)
CB 6 R.J. Jones (Sr.)	17 Calvin Washington (So.)
FS 36 Marcus King (So.)	21 Brandon Barnes (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 50 Ben Lambert (Fr.)
P 13 Brock Harvey (So.)
KR 1 Marcus James (Jr.)
PR 1 Marcus James (Jr.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Gary Pinkel 2001 Record (Big 12): 4-7 (3-5)
2002 Prediction: 5th Big 12 North Faurot Field (68,349)



Four seconds from Mobile. No, it's not the name of new country song, but Memphis coach Tommy West would probably hum the blues if you forced him to watch film of last year's season finale. The Tigers led Cincinnati in the closing seconds, only to lose on a short TD pass that kept the U of M from a possible postseason berth. It would have been the program's first since 1971.

In West's up-tempo spread offense, quarterback Danny Wimprine threw for 1,329 yards and 14 TDs and emerged as the deep passing threat the Tiger program has lacked since the early 1990s. While not blessed with blinding speed, Wimprine displayed toughness when he had to tuck and run and finished as the team's second-leading rusher (270 yards). Wimprine's development prompted West to accelerate plans to move Anglin to wideout.

A late recruiting victory should bolster the team's backfield. The Tigers landed standout DeAngelo Williams, winning a heated battle with Arkansas. Williams, a powerful, compact back who rushed for 2,204 yards as a senior, will battle incumbent Dante Brown for the starting assignment. Brown led the Tigers in rushing last fall and made a bid to become only the third 1,000-yard rusher in school history.

The Tigers have made serious improvements in their receiving corps. Anglin will create matchup problems for opposing defensive backs with his size and speed. But Anglin won't be Wimprine's only option. Darron White, coming off a solid freshman season, is a converted running back who is not afraid to make the diffi-

Treveco Lucas has emerged at end and should give the Tigers what they lacked a year ago: an effective rush end.

The linebacking corps returns just one starter, strong-side 'backer Greg Harper, but Shaka Hill has the speed and quickness to become a major factor in the middle. Fan favorite Coot Terry is likely to start on the weak side, but freshman Sheldon Taylor, a red-shirt last season, had an impressive spring.

For the second straight year, the Tigers have lost an all-conference safety who left school early to enter the NFL Draft. To replace Glenn Sumter, former linebacker Derrick Ballard was moved to the secondary, where his size (6'2", 205) suits the position.

Jason Brown and Anthony Harden return at cornerback, but a strong recruiting class yielded several prep defensive backs who likely will contribute immediately, among them O.C. Collins and Sam Brewer.

Memphis struggled with its kicking game last season but hopes to have ended the comedy of poor deep snaps by specifically targeting a long snapper in recruiting. They also replaced former All-American Ryan White with former Alabama kicker Danny Haynes.

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

WR 28 Darron White (So.)	83 Chris Cowley (Jr.)
WR 33 Antoine Harden (Jr.)	16 Darren Garcia (Jr.)
WR 15 Travis Anglin (Sr.)	88 Tavarious Davis (So.)
LT 57 Doug Whittaker (Sr.)	69 Donald Marshall (Sr.)
LG 60 Eric Anderson (Sr.)	75 Andrew Handy (So.)
C 62 Jimond Pugh (Sr.)	95 Matt Gehrke (Sr.)
RG 68 Joey Gerda (Sr.)	73 Travis Triplett (So.)
RT 71 Wade Smith (Sr.)	70 James Corder (Fr.)
TE 86 Jeff Cameron (Sr.)	89 Jason Johnson (So.)
QB 18 Danny Wimprine (So.)	1 Jeff Hilliard (Jr.)
TB 46 Dante Brown (Sr.)	DeAngelo Williams (Fr.)

Defense (6)

DE 97 Tony Brown (Sr.)	48 Mobray Rowand (Sr.)
DT 50 Eric Taylor (Jr.)	79 Kenyun Glover (So.)
DT 77 Albert Means (Jr.)	84 Boris Penchion (Sr.)
DE 91 Treveco Lucas (Jr.)	93 Jacob Ford (So.)
LB 37 Coot Terry (Jr.)	52 Sheldon Taylor (Fr.)
LB 27 Shaka Hill (Jr.)	55 Vincent Brown (So.)
LB 42 Greg Harper (Jr.)	34 Robert Douglas (So.)
CB 2 Jason Brown (Jr.)	40 Tristan Thomas (So.)
CB 38 Anthony Harden (Sr.)	32 Cameron Essex (So.)
FS 44 Derrick Ballard (Jr.)	8 Scott Vogel (So.)
Rov 4 Elijah Bell (Sr.)	29 Lionel Pieh (So.)

Special Teams

K	Danny Haynes (Jr.)
P	85 James Gaither (So.)
KR	28 Darron White (So.)
PR	28 Darron White (So.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Tommy West
2002 Prediction: 4th C-USA

2001 Record (C-USA): 5-6 (3-4)
Liberty Bowl (62,380)



Memphis SID

Danny Wimprine

The second-year coach appears to be up to the challenge of overcoming that disappointment. West has made several notable changes — including the permanent move of 6'4" quarterback Travis Anglin to wide receiver — and has signed a recruiting class several publications rank as the best in the conference.

1971

The Tigers are seeking their first bowl game since 1971, when they played in the Pasadena Bowl after winning the old Missouri Valley Conference title.

If Anglin can become a big-play threat like he showed in the spring, and a defense, anchored by former prep All-American Albert Means, can return to its form of two years ago, West could have the Tigers pushing for a bowl invitation. And he could end up singing a more upbeat tune this December.

cult catch over the middle. Antoine Harden also emerged last season and is a 6'2" receiver who has a knack of getting behind the secondary and making big plays.

The offensive line is a unit built for the spread offense. Only one of the five projected starters weighs more than 305 pounds. And the prototype lineman in the group is right tackle Wade Smith, a 266-pound converted tight end who excels as a pass-blocker and run-blocker.

Left tackle Doug Whittaker, a 295-pound converted defensive lineman, proved a quick study on the other side of the line. He moved up the depth chart during the season, eventually earning the starting job over former South Carolina lineman Donald Marshall.

Means, the Alabama transfer and former *Parade* All-American, will anchor a defensive line that needs to put more pressure on opposing quarterbacks.



North Carolina tar heels

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RANKING

As North Carolina recovered from an 0-3 start in 2001 to finish 8-5 and win the Peach Bowl, folks all over the Carolinas forgot one thing: This program is still very much in transition. The evolution continues this fall, after a chaotic off-season.

QB Darian Durant played well in a rotation with Ronald Curry, setting UNC freshman records for completions, TD passes, yards pass-

petition to Jacque Lewis and Willie Parker. Lewis is a low-to-the-ground scatback who is intriguing every time he touches the ball. He cuts better than any of the other contenders. But in order for him to win the job, he has to make sure he holds onto the ball. Even though Bunting loves Williams' toughness and grinding style, Parker, when healthy, has decent speed and can make more guys miss.

Madison Hedgecock returns as the fullback, but don't expect to hear his name called very much.

The strength of the offense lies at receiver. Bosley Allen is perhaps the best-known wideout, but his off-season was troubled, and that's putting it kindly. Still, Bunting has faith in his best deep threat. Allen has the speed and build that make people think he could have a breakout year.

The star of this group is Sam Aiken. Fearless, athletic and exceptional after the catch, he will be looked to in tough spots. The depth here isn't bad, either. Chesley Borders and Brandon Russell — coming off a wrist injury — are reliable.

Tight end Bobby Blizzard may beat out Zach Hilton and would provide a better combination of pass-catching and run-blocking.

The line has been a sore spot for the Heels over the past several seasons, and the offense's success might again depend on this group. The anchor is center Jason Brown, a star in the making.

Skip Seagraves inherits the line's most important spot — left tackle. Guards Jupiter Wilson and Jeb Terry return as starters, as does right tackle Willie McNeill. Though Brown, Terry and Wilson all weigh more than 300 pounds, this is not a particularly talented or deep group.

No more Julius Peppers, no more Ryan Sims, no more league-leading defense. Bunting's chief defensive concern comes up front, where top 10 draft picks Peppers and Sims are among the starters lost.

The anchor of the new group will likely be tackle Will Chapman, who's coming off knee surgery and missed the spring. He'll have to adjust to interior double teams. Eric Davis is the frontrunner at the other tackle, though Darryl Grant or South Carolina transfer Carl Smalls could push him.

Outside, Jacques Dumas became a backup as a true freshman in 2001, and now he inherits a starting job. His 6'6" frame is still a little gangly, but he's athletic enough to pursue laterally. Issac Mooring will man the other end.

The story at linebacker: three new starters and an infinite number of questions. Weak-side 'backer Malcolm Stewart had the most impressive spring and might break out. Clarence Gaddy is likely to win the other outside job, with Sean Williams in the middle.

Safety Dexter Reid is the Heels' best defensive player. He plays hard and hits harder. DeFonte Coleman, who missed much of last season with a separated shoulder, will battle Chris Curry at strong safety.

Cornerback Michael Waddell made second-team All-ACC without an interception. He's a good cover guy with poor hands. Kevin Knight, a nickel back in the past, returns at the other corner and plays ferociously. But at 5'8", he could have trouble in man coverage.

Dan Orner, a transfer from Michigan State, was the leader to replace Jeff Reed as kicker, but he didn't have a good spring. Punter John Lafferty has lost some consistency. True freshman David Wooldridge may win both jobs.



Chris Covatta

Sam Aiken

ing and total offense. So in January, what did Durant do? Announced he would transfer. Five weeks later, though, he was back, having fallen behind C.J. Stephens on the depth chart.

UNC rushed for 3.2 yards per attempt in 2001, a number that must increase in the upcoming season.

Stephens is a polished dropback passer with a strong arm. Durant isn't pretty, but he gets it done. "There's something about me when the lights go on," he says. Coach John Bunting won't name a starter until midway through preseason practice, at the earliest. Either way, there will be enviable depth at the position.

Leading rusher André Williams — a bruiser who runs almost exclusively straight ahead — missed all of the spring after undergoing back surgery but will be in the mix come fall.

Williams' absence left the springtime com-

Depth Chart

Offense (8)

WR 3 Bosley Allen (Sr.)	39 Chesley Borders (Sr.)
WR 88 Sam Aiken (Sr.)	5 Jarwarski Pollock (So.)
LT 75 Skip Seagraves (So.)	74 Justin Barton (So.)
LG 71 Jupiter Wilson (Jr.)	66 Arthur Smith (Fr.)
C 72 Jason Brown (So.)	70 Steven Bell (Fr.)
RG 77 Jeb Terry (Jr.)	67 Marcus Wilson (Jr.)
RT 76 Willie McNeill (So.)	69 Jonas Seawright (So.)
TE 86 Zach Hilton (Sr.)	89 Bobby Blizzard (Jr.)
QB 7 C.J. Stephens (Jr.)	11 Darian Durant (So.)
FB 44 Madison Hedgecock (So.)	48 James Faison (Jr.)
TB 15 Willie Parker (Jr.)	34 André Williams (Jr.)

Defense (3)

DE 92 Issac Mooring (Jr.)	90 Jermicus Banks (So.)
DT 47 Eric Davis (Sr.)	96 Darryl Grant (Jr.)
DT 91 Will Chapman (Jr.)	94 Donti Coats (Jr.)
DE 43 Jacques Dumas (So.)	84 Larry Jessup (So.)
LB 37 Clarence Gaddy (So.)	4 Clay Roberson (Jr.)
LB 51 Sean Williams (Sr.)	57 Devlen Bullard (So.)
LB 85 Malcolm Stewart (Sr.)	44 Martin Jernigan (So.)
CB 18 Michael Waddell (Sr.)	2 Derrick Johnson (Jr.)
CB 21 Kevin Knight (Sr.)	6 Chris Hawkins (So.)
SS 12 Chris Curry (So.)	25 DeFonte Coleman (Sr.)
FS 24 Dexter Reid (Jr.)	26 Michael Harris (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 11 Dan Orner (Jr.)
P 33 John Lafferty (Jr.)
KR 21 Kevin Knight (Sr.)
PR 88 Sam Aiken (Sr.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD Indicates returning starters

Head Coach: John Bunting
2002 Prediction: 8th ACC

2001 Record (ACC): 8-5 (5-3)
Kenan Stadium (60,000)



East Carolina pirates

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RANKING

East Carolina coach Steve Logan entered spring practice with two major concerns: Was quarterback Paul Troth ready to take control of the Pirates' offense? And how would ECU shore up its secondary?

Logan feels much better after spring ball. Troth stepped forward at quarterback, and the secondary progressed with a new package of coverages. "I feel really, really good about both

the health of receivers Damarcus Fox (knee), Marcus White (shoulder), Richard Alston (groin), Torey Morris (foot) and Edwin Rios (various ailments), who were all limited in the spring. Tutu Moye, who came out after playing minor league baseball, showed potential at tight end before breaking a hand. All but Fox, possibly, should be ready by the opener.

The injuries allowed former punter Wes Herlocker to get a look at wide-out. H-back Terrance Copper also had a good spring.

All-conference pick Brian Rimpf leads the offensive line at left tackle. The linemen are asked to do a lot in ECU's scheme, but line coach Steve Shankweiler has forged a capable unit and developed depth with an extensive rotation. Doug White is solid at center. The guard rotation includes returnees Charlie Dempsey, Corey Schmidt and Brian Fox. Phoenix Evans and Brandon Pope are experienced tackles. Center Hagen Mason, guard Joe Parsons and tackle Trey Magee are on the list of younger players in line for playing time.

After increasing his popularity and visibility as a reserve on the basketball team, Damane Duckett steps in as a starting defensive tackle.

Ronald Pou has exhibited the tenacity the Pirates desire at noseguard, and athletic Ja'Waren Blair ended spring as the starter at defensive end in coordinator Tim Rose's 3-4. The Pirates made greater use of four-man fronts during their spring work, as the attacking 3-4 has earned diminishing returns since Rose installed it in 1999.

Outside linebackers John Williamson and Vonta Leach are prime candidates to line up at a down position in some situations. Rose plays a deep rotation with tackle Eric Foushee, noseguard Derek Helms and end Hosea James projected for prominent roles. Improving the team's pass defense is contingent on getting more consistent pressure on opposing quarterbacks.

The inside linebacker group is young and fleet with three redshirt freshmen — Josh Chilsom, Richard Koonce and Chris Moore — emerging. The other slot is occupied by a relatively old man, sophomore Eric Butler, who played pri-

marily on special teams last season.

The Pirates are much more experienced at outside linebacker. Williamson, expected to be a team leader, and versatile Christshaw Gilliam are the projected starters. Hard hitters Leach and Kent Nealy will rotate at the outside spots.

The secondary took on the scapegoat role after ECU's struggles to defend the pass in '01. The Pirates expanded their number of coverages from three to seven in spring drills.

The Pirates also have shifted some personnel with speedy Kelly Hardy moving from corner to free safety and Donald Whitehead taking over at right corner. Travis Heath moved ahead of Antwan Adams at strong safety after backing him much of last season. "It's about getting our fastest people on the field," Logan says.

Kicker Kevin Miller returns after hitting 14-of-17 field goal attempts — including 12-of-12 inside 40 yards — in 2001. Punter Jarad Preston also was effective, averaging 44.1 yards without a block. True freshman Ryan Dougherty may get an occasional punt or kick to get him acclimated.

Townes averaged 25.0 yards per kickoff return and 7.1 yards on punt returns.

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

SE 1 Richard Alston (Sr.)	87 Edwin Rios (So.)
LT 69 Brian Rimpf (Jr.)	73 Phoenix Evans (Sr.)
LG 66 Corey Schmidt (Jr.)	76 Charlie Dempsey (So.)
C 68 Doug White (Jr.)	63 Hagen Mason (So.)
RG 72 Brian Fox (Jr.)	62 Joseph Parsons (Fr.)
RT 61 Brandon Pope (Jr.)	60 Trey Magee (Fr.)
TE 42 Ben Thomas (Sr.)	92 Seth Yates (Jr.)
FL 86 Torey Morris (Sr.)	88 Damarcus Fox (So.)
QB 4 Paul Troth (So.)	17 Desmond Robinson (So.)
FB 33 Art Brown (Jr.)	25 Marvin Townes (So.)
HB 7 Terrance Copper (Jr.)	32 Marcus White (Jr.)

Defense (5)

DT 99 Damane Duckett (Jr.)	95 Eric Foushee (Jr.)
NG 79 Ronald Pou (Sr.)	97 Derek Helms (Jr.)
DT 44 Ja'Waren Blair (Sr.)	93 Hosea James (Sr.)
LB 30 John Williamson (Sr.)	31 Vonta Leach (Jr.)
LB Chris Moore (Fr.)	Josh Chilsom (Fr.)
LB 50 Eric Butler (So.)	52 Richard Koonce (Fr.)
LB 26 Christshaw Gilliam (Sr.)	41 Kent Nealy (Jr.)
CB 20 Jerome Steward (Sr.)	37 Brandon Rainer (Jr.)
CB 21 Donald Whitehead (So.)	Travis Cox (Fr.)
FS 28 Kelly Hardy (Sr.)	12 Anthony Adams (Sr.)
SS 45 Travis Heath (Jr.)	13 Antwan Adams (Sr.)

Special Teams

K 10 Kevin Miller (Sr.)
P 15 Jarad Preston (Sr.)
KR 25 Marvin Townes (So.)
PR 25 Marvin Townes (So.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Steve Logan	2001 Record (C-USA): 6-6 (5-2)
2002 Prediction: 5th C-USA	Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium (43,000)



Ric Fogel

Marvin Townes

of those issues," Logan said as the spring ended.

Troth operates best in a drop-back mode and has pinpoint accuracy on intermediate routes. His deep range is improving as he has added strength. Logan may insert option operator Desmond Robinson for an occasional series to give opposing defensive coordinators another presentation for which to prepare.

261.0

The ECU defense allowed 261.0 yards passing per game last season. That figure was last in Conference USA and 101st nationally.

A productive ground game will relieve some of the pressure on Troth. Art Brown ran for an average of 5.7 yards as a backup last season and had 16 catches for 252 yards. Marvin Townes is even faster and had 4.8 yards per carry as the third-teamer in ECU's one-back set last season.

Troth's indoctrination will be affected by



UCF

golden knights

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RANKING

The UCF Golden Knights finally have the conference home they have always wanted after six seasons as a I-A independent. Coach Mike Kruczek's program carries hopes of upsetting Marshall to win the Mid-American Conference's East Division, bringing the MAC Championship Game to Orlando and earning the school's first bowl bid. But UCF (6-5 a year ago) must overcome

anything for UCF's depth. Jon Rivera and Brandon Sumner are the backups, and neither has thrown a pass in college.

The quick development of tailback Alex Haynes fuels UCF's belief that it can be less one-dimensional than in years past, but such optimism comes with a caveat: The Knights have no proven backup. Haynes sat out two games in 2001 with a hip pointer, meaning Keith Williams and Dontavious Wilcox could play key roles.

There's never a shortage of receivers at UCF. Jimmy Fryzel and Doug Gabriel give UCF a solid possession receiver and a game-breaker, respectively. An assortment of younger, smallish receivers, headed by Tavaris Capers and Luther Huggins, can be dangerous in an offense that averaged 37 attempts and 308 yards passing in 2001.

This year brings a bonus in tight ends Mario Jackson and Michael Gaines. Jackson is a solid blocker; Gaines already has NFL scouts talking.

Never has UCF had so many quality blockers. January additions of junior college recruits David Ashkinaz and Alex Mendez, plus the development of Garrett McCray, could make the 2002 unit the school's best line yet. Ashkinaz will start at guard, Mendez possibly at tackle, joining Mike Mabry (center), Taylor Robertson (guard) and Brian Huff (tackle).

UCF should not need the smoke and mirrors it has used in the past on the defensive line. The Knights stole impact recruits from Florida and Alabama, respectively, in junior college transfers Roy Williams and DeMarcus Johnson. The former Southwest Mississippi Community College suitemates will give new defensive coordinator Bill D'Ottavio a fast, athletic front. It should be able to stop the run and apply pressure to the quarterback without the large amount of blitzing the Knights have done in the past. Ends Elton Patterson, Rashad Jeanty (four sack) and Williams, plus nosetackle Larry Brown and tackles Mike Lynche and Johnson will form an outstanding front line.

The linebacking corps won't be the most seasoned group, but they're fast and

will be a key to UCF's attacking, multi-blitz package. Former Florida State recruit Chad Mascoe, another transfer from Southwest Mississippi CC, should make a seamless transition to middle linebacker and figures to be the primary playmaker. Part-time starter Antoine Poe returns at weak-side linebacker, and Gerren Bray and Chris Pilinko should anchor the strong side. By year's end, Savarris Brown might make plays at all three spots.

Former NFL assistant John Fontes was brought in to teach three new starting defensive backs how to cover. The question is whether returning starting corner Asante Samuel and his smallish corps can withstand opposing quarterbacks like Marshall's Byron Leftwich and Miami's Ben Roethlisberger while standing up to the pounding other MAC teams can deliver with the ground game. The man to watch is hard-hitting strong safety Atari Bigby.

UCF will miss kicker/punter Javier Beorlegui, a four-year starter, but walk-on senior Ryan Flinn has the leg to be a better punter. The Knights have real questions at kicker, where competition will continue through two-a-days among Ryan Feely, Kevin Beorlegui, Robert Campbell and freshman Matt Prater.



Central Florida SID

Doug Gabriel

a trend of inconsistency and a history of letting big fish get away.

Third-year starting quarterback Ryan Schneider (5,257 yards, 38 TDs in his career) is on track to break most of Daunte Culpepper's school passing records, and UCF's challenge is to make him consistent and keep him upright.

19.3

UCF has allowed just 19.3 points per game over the last two seasons. It is the best two-year run at UCF since 1989-90.

Although he's just as tough as his buzz-cut hair suggests, Schneider has difficulty getting away from trouble and has taken more than his share of hard hits in two seasons. Pinpoint accuracy against Clemson and Tulane was overshadowed by struggles at Virginia Tech and Syracuse in 2001. Losing 15 pounds helped Schneider's quickness, but it didn't do

Depth Chart

Offense (8)

WR 16 Jimmy Fryzel (Sr.)	5 Luther Huggins (So.)
WR 11 Doug Gabriel (Sr.)	7 Tavaris Capers (So.)
TE 83 Mario Jackson (Sr.)	82 Michael Gaines (Jr.)
RT 64 Alex Mendez (Jr.)	76 Jeff Harper (Fr.)
RG 70 Taylor Robertson (Sr.)	78 Garrett McCray (Sr.)
C 65 Mike Mabry (Sr.)	56 Adam Butcher (Fr.)
LG David Ashkinaz (Jr.)	77 Travis Muse (So.)
LT 73 Brian Huff (Sr.)	69 Johnovan Morgan (Jr.)
QB 17 Ryan Schneider (Jr.)	13 Jon Rivera (So.)
FB 34 Sean Gaudion (Sr.)	31 Dee Brown (So.)
TB 4 Alex Haynes (So.)	24 Keith Williams (Fr.)

Defense (2)

DE 90 Rashad Jeanty (So.)	Roy Williams (Jr.)
DT DeMarcus Johnson (Jr.)	94 Thomas Andrews (Sr.)
NT 92 Larry Brown (Jr.)	50 Mike Lynche (So.)
DE 97 Elton Patterson (Sr.)	91 Brent Bolar (Jr.)
LB 52 Chris Pilinko (Sr.)	22 Gerren Bray (So.)
LB Chad Mascoe (Jr.)	41 Savarris Brown (So.)
LB 6 Antoine Poe (Jr.)	56 Stanford Rhule (So.)
CB 27 Carlos Thompson (Sr.)	33 Rovel Hamilton (So.)
CB 28 Asante Samuel (Sr.)	43 Rashad Johnson (So.)
SS 38 Atari Bigby (So.)	30 James Cody (Jr.)
FS 49 Peter Sands (So.)	45 Damani Fagan (So.)

Special Teams

K 60 Ryan Feely (Fr.)
P 26 Ryan Flinn (Sr.)
KR 5 Luther Huggins (So.)
PR 28 Asante Samuel (Sr.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Mike Kruczek

2002 Prediction: 2nd MAC East

2001 Record: 6-5

Florida Citrus Bowl (70,188)



Middle Tennessee

blue raiders

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RANKING

Middle Tennessee has to tend to some unfinished business. Specifically, that means winning the Sun Belt championship outright and with it, a trip to the New Orleans Bowl.

With 46 returnees — led by All-America candidate Dwone Hicks — this version of the Blue Raiders should indeed be better than the last. Whether or not that translates into a bet-

“We’ll run our system, but there will be some changes,” says McCollum.

Andre Green, formerly one of the nation’s top-rated prep stars, battled Hines during the spring and will do so again this fall. “Andre will allow us to do some things we couldn’t do before,” McCollum says.

With its top three rushers returning, Middle Tennessee’s backfield should once again be one of the nation’s most productive.

Speedy, stout and strong, Hicks has a nose for the end zone and has produced back-to-back 1,000-yard seasons. Reshard Lee was fifth in the Sun Belt in rushing as a freshman. Also in the mix is tiny Don Calloway, who missed the second half of the season with a broken ankle.

The bad news: Kendall Newson, the best receiver in school history, has departed. The good news: Tyrone Calico and David Youell have not. “Calico and Youell are proven playmakers and should continue to produce,” says McCollum. Calico comes equipped with NFL size and speed; Youell relies on precision routes and sure hands.

Returnees Kerry Wright and Hashem Joyner are also projected as starters.

All five starters return up front for the Blue Raiders. Center Glen Elarbee is the emotional leader of the quintet. Julius Gant, who started eight games as a freshman, is the most athletic, while two-year starter Brandon Westbrook is the most experienced and among the best linemen in the league.

Guards David Coy and Kevin Pascoe are back after starting eight and 10 games, respectively.

A trio of spot starters will become permanent fixtures on the defensive line. Tackle Jerry Vanderpool has the athletic ability to become a top player in the conference. Curtis Daniely and Samuel Smith give the Blue Raiders a pair of mobile ends.

Middle Tennessee employs a five-linebacker alignment in an effort to get its best athletes on the field. With four of those starters returning, this should be a hard-hitting and active unit. Randy

Arnold broke into the starting lineup early last season and is back in the middle. Blake Morris is a rising star on the right side with all-conference candidate Sheldon Durham settling in on the left side. Starters on the outside are a pair of gifted athletes: Brandon Lynch and Kareem Bland.

New faces abound in the secondary where McCollum felt the need to upgrade speed and athleticism. But the lone returnee is one of the best in the Sun Belt, free safety Michael Woods. He opened last year as a linebacker but was moved back home to safety after five games and went on to lead the team in tackles. “We became a better football team when Michael moved to the secondary,” says McCollum.

Shawn Allen has great ability and will man the left corner. Muhammad Rashada was the first-team right corner during spring ball. Will Martin, a former Kansas State signee, will figure in the rotation.

The Blue Raiders welcome back their placekicker, punter, holder and all key kick returners from last year. Brian Kelly has made 17-of-22 field goal attempts in his career. Robert Billings led the Sun Belt in punting.



Middle Tennessee SID

Dwone Hicks

ter record and bowl bid is another matter. “We’ve reached a lot of our goals, but not all of them,” says head coach Andy McCollum. “We know we’re not good enough to beat anybody on our schedule unless we’re as good as we can be.”

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Last year the Blue Raiders generated 30 scoring drives of 70 or more yards. With running back Dwone Hicks and the entire offensive line returning, look for that number to be impressive once again this year.

All quarterback Andrico Hines has to do this year is step in for record-smashing predecessor Wes Counts. Hines hasn’t played since the 2000 season at Southwest Mississippi Junior College, but he has size and runs exceptionally well. He prepared for this assignment last year by travelling with the team and charting plays on the sideline.

Depth Chart

Offense (8)

WR 27 Tyrone Calico (Sr.)	87 Ryan Edmiston (So.)
WR 80 David Youell (Sr.)	85 Chris Henry (Fr.)
WR 8 Hashem Joyner (So.)	84 Reggie Jones (Sr.)
WR 1 Kerry Wright (So.)	6 Wardell Alsop (Jr.)
LT 59 Brandon Westbrook (Jr.)	74 Jonathan Proby (Sr.)
LG 72 David Coy (Sr.)	71 Jonathan Barry (Sr.)
C 57 Glen Elarbee (Sr.)	65 Joe Moos (Jr.)
RG 77 Kevin Pascoe (Sr.)	55 Josh Willoughby (Jr.)
RT 67 Julius Gant (So.)	75 Brandon Parker (Jr.)
QB 9 Andrico Hines (Jr.)	7 Andre Green (Fr.)
TB 4 Dwone Hicks (Sr.)	24 Reshard Lee (So.)

Defense (5)

DE 90 Samuel Smith (Sr.)	98 Demetrios Walker (Jr.)
NT 97 Jerry Vanderpool (So.)	93 Thomas Johnson (So.)
DE 96 Curtis Daniely (Sr.)	3 Dominic Jones (Jr.)
LB 11 Kareem Bland (Sr.)	23 Alvin Fite (So.)
LB 47 Sheldon Durham (Sr.)	46 Chris Hough (So.)
LB 54 Randy Arnold (Jr.)	45 Charlie Myles (Jr.)
LB 26 Blake Morris (So.)	52 Louis Kemp (Sr.)
LB 42 Brandon Lynch (Jr.)	37 Amon Binkley (Fr.)
CB 36 Shawn Allen (So.)	10 Chris Johnson (Sr.)
FS 2 Michael Woods (Jr.)	12 Will Martin (Jr.)
CB 5 Muhammad Rashada (Jr.)	4 Tony Sutton (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 22 Brian Kelly (Jr.)
P 20 Robert Billings (Jr.)
KR 1 Kerry Wright (So.)
PR 1 Kerry Wright (So.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Andy McCollum 2001 Record (Sun Belt): 8-3 (5-1)
2002 Prediction: 1st Sun Belt Johnny “Red” Floyd Stadium (30,788)



Boise State broncos

NATIONAL
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RANKING

Second-year Boise State coach Dan Hawkins approaches the 2002 season with guarded optimism. "You know how football coaches are," says Hawkins, who directed the Broncos to an 8-4 record and a tie for second place in their first season in the WAC. "We can get a little nervous about things. But, yeah, we feel like we have a chance to do some good things this year."



Boise State SIP

Ryan Dinwiddie

And why not? The Broncos return 14 starters, including one of the nation's top quarterbacks in Ryan Dinwiddie; a conference Offensive Player of the Year candidate in tailback Brock Forsey; and perhaps the WAC's top defensive back in safety Quintin Mikell.

45.7

Boise State converted 45.7 percent of its third down tries in 2001, best in the WAC.

Dinwiddie, who finished fourth in the nation in passing efficiency and 10th in total offense in his first year as a starter, returns and should be even better with a year of experience under his belt. "He has full command of the offense," Hawkins says. "He throws the ball very well. He is a great deep ball thrower. And he's very accurate."

Senior B.J. Rhode returns once again to serve as Dinwiddie's backup. He started the Broncos' final game last season when Din-

widdie was suspended and led Boise State to a 26-10 victory over Central Michigan.

Forsey, a first team All-WAC pick in 2001, accumulated 1,928 all-purpose yards last season and leads an impressive group of backs. He needs just 773 yards to become the school's leader in all-purpose yardage.

David Mikell came off the bench to rush for 568 yards and five touchdowns as Forsey's backup.

The top four wide receivers all return, led by Jay Swillie, who has 111 career receptions, including 48 last season for 673 yards and eight touchdowns. Starting alongside Swillie will be either speedster Lou Fanucchi or Billy Wingfield.

"This is an experienced, solid group of players," Hawkins says.

The big question, however, is who will fill the void created by the graduation of tight end Jeb Putzier, a first team All-WAC choice? More than likely that duty will fall to a committee including Rocky Atkinson, Kevin Louwsma, junior college transfer Andy Weldon and fullback Matt Strohhus.

The Broncos must overhaul the offensive line after losing three starters.

Center Scott Huff and right guard Rob Vian, the two returnees, are heading into their fourth year as starters. Matt Navest, who was a starter at left guard before missing most of the last two seasons with a knee injury, returns to his old spot. A pair of sophomores, Russell Colburn and Darryn Colledge, may have the inside track for the starting tackle spots.

The Broncos lose both starting defensive ends, Mike Phillips and Sky Dumont, but Hawkins still believes his line has a chance to be a good one. Both starting tackles, Bobby Hammer and Tony Altieri, return, although Altieri skipped spring drills while recovering from a neck injury.

Julius Roberts and Ryan Nelson inherit the starting defensive end positions, but Hawkins expects a couple of highly touted junior college recruits, Loa Emmesley and Fernando Yanez, both from Fresno City College, to see significant playing time as well.

Hawkins likes his experience and depth at linebacker, even though Sophomore Andy Avalos is the unit's only returning starter. Travis Burgher has been moved from safety to linebacker, where he will battle special teams star Kameron Merritt for one outside spot. Senior Chauncey Ako takes over in the middle.

Few, if any, teams in the WAC are as talented and deep in the secondary as the Broncos, who return all four starters from a year ago. Safety Quintin Mikell, a three-time all-conference pick, is a Jim Thorpe Award candidate. Wes Nurse, who finished second on the team with 72 tackles and is fast enough to also play cornerback, will man the other safety spot. Gabriel Franklin, who led the Broncos with three interceptions as a freshman, and Julius Brown both return at cornerback as does key reserve Chris Carr.

Senior Nick Calaycay, who has connected on 34 of his 43 career field goal attempts, returns to handle placekicking chores. One big area of concern is at punter. Keith Schuttler tore his Achilles' tendon during spring practice and will be sidelined a minimum of six months.

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

WR 84 Lou Fanucchi (Sr.)	8 Billy Wingfield (Sr.)
WR 1 Jay Swillie (Sr.)	87 Tim Gilligan (Jr.)
LT 73 Darryn Colledge (So.)	79 Jess Hernandez (Jr.)
LG 58 Matt Navest (Sr.)	70 Michael Ansel (So.)
C 56 Scott Huff (Sr.)	66 Mike MacLeod (Jr.)
RG 78 Rob Vian (Sr.)	68 Tyrone Tutogi (Jr.)
RT 61 Russell Colburn (So.)	60 Jason Turner (Jr.)
TE 86 Rocky Atkinson (Sr.)	82 Kevin Louwsma (Jr.)
QB 7 Ryan Dinwiddie (Jr.)	11 B.J. Rhode (Sr.)
TB 36 Brock Forsey (Sr.)	3 David Mikell (Jr.)
FB 33 Matt Strohhus (Sr.)	30 Greg Swenson (Jr.)

Defense (7)

DE 92 Julius Roberts (So.)	97 Maurice Sapp (So.)
DT 51 Tony Altieri (Sr.)	69 Dane Oldham (Jr.)
DT 98 Bobby Hammer (Sr.)	90 Paul Allen (Jr.)
DE 99 Ryan Nelson (Sr.)	50 Brad Chase (Sr.)
LB 41 Kameron Merritt (Sr.)	13 Travis Burgher (Jr.)
LB 55 Chauncey Ako (Sr.)	57 Chris Barrios (Jr.)
LB 40 Andy Avalos (So.)	44 Kris Foster (Sr.)
CB 16 Gabriel Franklin (So.)	17 Lee Marks (Fr.)
CB 6 Julius Brown (Jr.)	4 Machtler Clay (Jr.)
ROV 9 Quintin Mikell (Jr.)	22 Chris Carr (So.)
FS 21 Wes Nurse (Jr.)	28 Deshan Cabaang (So.)

Special Teams

K 19 Nick Calaycay (Sr.)
P 37 Keith Schuttler (Sr.)
KR 3 David Mikell (Jr.)
PR 87 Tim Gilligan (Jr.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Dan Hawkins
2002 Prediction: 3rd WAC

2001 Record (WAC): 8-4 (6-2)
Bronco Stadium (30,000)



Arizona State sun devils

NATIONAL
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RANKING

Coach Dirk Koetter received a rough initiation to Pac-10 football. His first Arizona State team lost its final five games and finished with the school's worst conference record (1-7) since joining the Pac-10 in 1978.

Koetter characterizes the 4-7 season as hitting "rock bottom." The process of climbing out began in the spring with significant battles at quarterback and tailback, and with his

pen. Christensen is the most mobile of the three and, overall, has the most promise. Goodenough, contacted after Krohn decided to leave, led Palomar College to the California junior college state championship game.

A solid running game would take some pressure off the new quarterback. Mike Williams is the incumbent, but he will have to hold off a pair of redshirt freshmen (Hakim Hill and Cornell Canidate) and perhaps a true freshman (Randy Hill) to be the featured back. Williams only had 38 carries last year after getting 121 the previous season. He's a straight-ahead runner who can take it the distance.

Whoever wins the tailback derby will have one of the nation's premier blocking backs in fullback Mike Karney.

Receiver Shaun McDonald had a breakout sophomore season, ranking 10th nationally in receiving yards per game (100.4). McDonald will have a new partner this season, and it remains to be seen if Donnie O'Neal (45 catches) can be replaced or if defenses will simply overload on McDonald. Justin Taplin, a former big-time recruit, gets first crack at the split end position. Speedy Daryl Lightfoot will line up in the slot.

Five of ASU's top six offensive linemen completed their eligibility, leaving a major rebuilding project for Koetter and assistant Jeff Grimes. Regis Crawford, the only returning starter, moved from right guard to left tackle in one of the spring experiments. The top group also includes junior college All-American Tim Fa'aita at left guard, inexperienced Tony Aguilar at center, Drew Hodgdon at right guard and Damien Niko at right tackle.

There could be all kinds of shuffling before a competent quintet is put together.

Just as uncertain is the defensive line, which returns one proven player, third-team All-America end Terrell Suggs. The Devils will be looking to increase their sack totals and get more pressure from the front four. Tackle is the least experienced position up front. ASU is trying to find four players to rotate from a group that includes JC transfer Shane Jones, walk-on Phil Howard, former defensive end Chad Howell, walk-on

Khoa Nguyen, little-used senior James Beal and redshirt freshman Josh Kirkwood.

One area with proven players is the line-backing corps. Mason Unck, the team's second-leading tackler, is a returning starter, as is Solomon Bates. Bates battled a weight problem last fall and is in a tight duel with Josh Amobi for the starter's role.

In the Devils' 42 defense, the free safety has a major responsibility for making tackles. Jason Shivers stepped off a high school campus in Phoenix and ended up leading the team with 89 stops. ASU would receive a boost if sophomore cornerback Emmanuel Franklin, who struggled with a season-long injury, is fully recovered by the start of pre-season camp.

The Devils' three-safety lineup didn't produce enough big plays. Alfred Williams is back for his final season with Shivers. The other safety spot is up for grabs.

Tim Parker will be the Sun Devils' new punter. He signed late last year from junior college and redshirted in 2001. The place-kicking assignment belongs to Mike Barth, who was 9-of-14 on field goals and missed just one of 44 extra points.



Peter Brouillet

Mike Williams

staff trying to rebuild both lines. Fixing a porous defense was also a top priority.

Last year the Sun Devils spent the spring finding out if there was someone on the roster who could unseat injury-prone Jeff Krohn at quarterback. There wasn't. Krohn proceeded to finish ninth nationally in passing efficiency but was again troubled by injuries. He had issues with the coaching staff and decided to transfer to UMass, leaving ASU without an experienced quarterback.

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The Arizona State defense allowed 39 points per game in Pac-10 play.

Andrew Walter started the last two games of the 2001 season for the injured Krohn but is now locked in a battle with redshirt freshman Chad Christensen and junior college import Andy Goodenough. Koetter was hoping one of the players would take command of the job in the spring, but that didn't hap-

Depth Chart

Offense (4)

WR 81 Shaun McDonald (Jr.)	89 Matt Miller (Fr.)
SE 4 Justin Taplin (Sr.)	19 Daryl Lightfoot (So.)
LT 70 Regis Crawford (Jr.)	54 Chad Rosson (Fr.)
LG 59 Tim Fa'aita (Jr.)	72 Brandon Macias (So.)
C 50 Tony Aguilar (Jr.)	71 Grayling Love (Fr.)
RG 75 Drew Hodgdon (So.)	77 Adrian Ayala (So.)
LT 74 Damien Niko (Jr.)	76 Ricardo Carlos (Fr.)
QB 16 Andrew Walter (So.)	12 Chad Christensen (Fr.)
TE 86 Mike Pinkard (Sr.)	85 Frank Maddox (Jr.)
RB 3 Mike Williams (Jr.)	Aaron Austin (Fr.)
FB 44 Mike Karney (Jr.)	47 Darrell Turner (Sr.)

Defense (8)

DE 97 Brian Montesanto (Jr.)	91 Jimmy Verdon (So.)
DT 67 Phil Howard (Sr.)	98 James Beal (Sr.)
DT 99 Shane Jones (Jr.)	90 Josh Kirkwood (Fr.)
DE 48 Terrell Suggs (Jr.)	96 Jared Wolfgramm (So.)
LB 52 Mason Unck (Sr.)	49 Ishmael Thrower (Jr.)
LB 1 Solomon Bates (Sr.)	55 Josh Amobi (Sr.)
CB 26 R.J. Oliver (So.)	21 Adrian Thomas (Jr.)
CB 24 Lamar Baker (So.)	20 Emmanuel Franklin (So.)
FS 30 Jason Shivers (So.)	29 Brandon Falkner (Sr.)
S 7 Riccardo Stewart (So.)	36 Joey Smith (Fr.)
S 39 Alfred Williams (Sr.)	15 Michael Holloway (So.)

Special Teams

K 13 Mike Barth (Sr.)
P 46 Tim Parker (Jr.)
KR 3 Mike Williams (Jr.)
PR 4 Justin Taplin (Sr.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Dirk Koetter 2001 Record (Pac-10): 4-7 (1-7)
2002 Prediction: 8th Pac-10 Sun Devil Stadium (73,379)

There may not have been a hotter team in college football at the end of the 2001 season than the University of Hawaii. June Jones' squad won eight of its last nine games en route to a 9-3 record, including a season-ending 72-45 thrashing of a 12-0 BYU squad that had been lobbying hard for a Bowl Championship Series berth.

The question for 2002: Can the Warriors

that he had to undergo surgery in January to have a ligament attached in his throwing wrist, which kept him from throwing until May. "I am a little concerned," Jones says. "The doctors say he'll be able to come back as good as new. But it's going to take him time to build up strength in his wrist and arm after such a long layoff."

The Warriors' Run-and-Shoot offense averaged only about 24 rushing attempts per game last season, but Jones has a strong stable of running backs to turn to. Mike Bass started nine games as a freshman and rushed for a solid 558 yards. Powerful backup Thero Mitchell also returns.

Jones must find replacements for three key starters, including Ashley Lelie, a first-round pick in the 2002 NFL Draft. "You never replace a No. 1 pick," Jones says. "But we have some kids coming back who we are very high on."

Chad Owens, who earned freshman All-America honors as a return specialist, and explosive redshirt freshman Nate Ilaa will likely start at the slot positions. Justin Colbert, who caught 55 passes for 801 yards, returns at left wideout while junior Neal Gossett will attempt to replace Lelie at right wideout.

Despite losing two starters on the offensive line Jones believes this unit could be his strongest offensive area. One reason for that optimism is the return of senior guard Vince Manuwai, a second-team All-WAC pick who Jones says should contend for All-America honors. Jones also is very high on junior left tackle Wayne Hunter, a former Pac-10 Freshman of the Year as a defensive lineman at Cal who has switched over to offense. Uriah Moenao takes over for Brian Smith at center, while left guard Lui Fuata and right tackle Ryan Santos are expected to round out the rest of the line.

Hawaii's defensive line features a pair of blazing defensive ends in Kevin Jackson and Travis LaBoy, who both have been timed at 4.5 in the 40-yard dash. Lui Fuga, an eight-game starter in 2000 who sat out last season with shoulder problems, returns to man one of the tackle spots along with junior Lance Samuseva, a

returning starter. Matt "Rocky" Faga, a highly touted junior college transfer from Fresno City College, should help provide good depth.

There may not be a better pair of linebackers in the WAC than Chris Brown, a first-team all-conference pick in '01, and Pisa Tinoisamoa, a second team All-WAC pick who averaged 9.6 tackles per game. Matt Wright, who started eight games in 2001, will once again handle the other outside spot.

Three corners with starting experience return: Abraham Elimimian, Hyrum Peters and Kelvin Millhouse, who had a team-high five interceptions. But Jones must replace both starting safeties, including second team All-WAC pick Nate Jackson, who had a knack for making big plays. Sean Butts, who starred on special teams last season, and red-shirt freshman Leonard Peters are the likely starters at safety.

The Warriors have arguably the best special teams in the conference, if not the nation. Mat McBriar averaged 43.4 yards per punt en route to second team all-conference honors. Justin Ayat returns to handle placekicking and kickoff duties. He connected on 14 of his 16 field goal tries inside the 40.



Steve Wolmann

Timmy Chang

pick up where they left off? "From an athletic standpoint, this is the best we've been in my four years here," Jones says. "How well we can come together as a team and win on the road will be very key for us."

176 Hawaii scored 176 points in its final three games of the 2001 season, an average of 58.7 per contest.

Quarterback Timmy Chang, the 2000 WAC Freshman of the Year, was leading the nation in total offense before going down with a wrist injury in a Sept. 29 game against Rice. The popular homegrown star has already passed for 4,141 yards and 25 touchdowns in 12 career starts.

The good news for Jones and company is that Chang was granted a medical hardship for his wrist injury last season and still has three years of eligibility left. The bad news is

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

WR 18 Justin Colbert (Sr.)	87 Kanale George (So.)
WR 2 Chad Owens (So.)	84 Britton Komine (So.)
WR 4 Nate Ilaa (Fr.)	38 Gerald Welch (Jr.)
WR 88 Neal Gossett (Jr.)	83 Mike Akiu (Fr.)
LT 70 Wayne Hunter (Jr.)	79 Charlie Dutra (Sr.)
LG 53 Lui Fuata (Sr.)	77 Shayne Kajioke (Sr.)
C 69 Uriah Moenao (So.)	59 Derek Faavi (Fr.)
RG 65 Vince Manuwai (Sr.)	75 Chad Kahale (So.)
RT 71 Ryan Santos (So.)	67 Phil Kauffman (So.)
QB 14 Timmy Chang (So.)	7 Shawn Withy-Allen (Sr.)
RB 1 Mike Bass (So.)	24 Thero Mitchell (Sr.)

Defense (8)

DE 1 Travis LaBoy (Jr.)	58 Laanui Correa (Sr.)
DT 99 Lui Fuga (Jr.)	78 Mike Holt (Jr.)
DT 92 Lance Samuseva (Jr.)	96 Hiram Travis (Jr.)
DE 11 Kevin Jackson (Jr.)	93 Houston Ala (Jr.)
LB 44 Matt Wright (Sr.)	46 Keani Alapa (Jr.)
LB 54 Chris Brown (Sr.)	42 Donny Faaliliu (Sr.)
LB 10 Pisa Tinoisamoa (Sr.)	41 Tyrone Brown (So.)
CB 37 Abraham Elimimian (So.)	3 Kelvin Millhouse (Jr.)
CB 33 Hyrum Peters (Jr.)	25 Josiah Cravalho (So.)
SS 19 Leonard Peters (Fr.)	35 David Gilmore (Jr.)
FS 23 Sean Butts (Sr.)	9 Matt Manuma (So.)

Special Teams

K 47 Justin Ayat (So.)
P 49 Mat McBriar (Sr.)
KR 2 Chad Owens (So.)
PR 2 Chad Owens (So.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: June Jones
2002 Prediction: 4th WAC

2001 Record (WAC): 9-3 (5-3)
Aloha Stadium (50,000)



Minnesota golden gophers

NATIONAL
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RANKING

This is the year when Glen Mason hopes to change what has been Minnesota football history for the better part of 40 years. Since 1960, the last time the Gophers won the national title, the blueprint for Minnesota football has been constant: show progress, regress, change coaches, repeat.

That's why the 2002 season is so critical for the Gophers. After consecutive bowl seasons in

a growth process, a development process."

A year ago Marion Barber III arrived on campus as a potential defensive player. As this season begins, Barber, the son of former Gophers running back Marion Barber Jr., is the team's No. 1 rushing option. Deceptively quick, Barber gained 742 yards while splitting time with Tellis Redmon. Thomas Tapeh, once a heralded tailback prospect, will backup Barber and also see time at fullback.

Jermaine Mays, who returns after sitting out last season because of an eligibility dispute with the NCAA, is one of the fastest receivers in the Big Ten. On the other side, Antoine Burns returns after a season in which he established himself as a solid Big Ten receiver. The knock on the Gophers' two primary receivers has been their consistency. Tony Patterson, the biggest of the Gophers primary pass catchers, will be the third receiver.

Ben Utecht might be the best tight end in the Big Ten. The former wide receiver is too quick for most linebackers to cover, but at 6'6", Utecht is taller and can out-jump most defensive backs.

The offensive line is a bit of mixed bag for the Gophers. There are returning players on the outside, but the interior of the line will be inexperienced. At 6'7" and 352 pounds, left tackle Jake Kuppe is one of the biggest players in the Big Ten. He provides solid pass blocking for Abdul-Khaliq on the outside. Jeremiah Carter is the only other regular returning after starting nine games at right guard last season. Carter is expected to slide outside to tackle and will play a significant role in the Gophers' outside running attack.

A year ago, the Gophers recorded just 14 sacks as a team, and no returning player had more than three. Redshirt freshmen Mark Losli and Charlton Keith will have an opportunity to step in and play at defensive end. Both players have the potential to be outstanding outside pass rushers. Inside, the Gophers return Dan Kwapinski, Darrell Reid and Brandon Harston. Improved run defense is crucial as the Gophers were one of just three Big Ten teams to give up more than

200 yards per game on the ground.

The linebacking corps might be the Gophers' deepest position. So deep, in fact, that defensive coordinator Moe Ankney promoted the three projected backups to the first team for the spring game. Terrance Campbell, Ben West and Junior Eugene ran with the first unit while converted cornerback Justin Fraley and returning starters Bradley Vance and Phil Archer were relegated to the second team.

The secondary should be among the best in the Big Ten. Cornerback Mike Lehan is fast enough to cover the top receivers in the conference while playing a physical style of football. Ukee Dozier, who made a game-saving interception against Michigan State a year ago, will start at the other corner. Eli Ward has been moved from strong to free safety. Justin Isom, who saw action at linebacker, cornerback and safety last season, will start at strong safety.

Kicker Dan Nystrom has regressed since making 17-of-21 field goals in '99. Last season, he made just 9-of-15. Punter Preston Gruening, a preseason All-American, struggled last fall; his average dropped by more than three yards per punt.



Steve Woltmann

Asad Abdul-Khaliq

1999 and 2000, Minnesota stumbled in '01. Instead of reaching a third straight bowl game for the first time in school history, the Gophers finished tied for last in the Big Ten.

6.3

Running back Marion Barber III averaged 6.3 yards per carry as a true freshman.

But with 13 starters returning, the Gophers should be able to reverse the trend and stop the backward slide.

Quarterback Asad Abdul-Khaliq enters this season as the clear No. 1 starter after splitting time with Travis Cole. Abdul-Khaliq is mobile with a strong arm and has matured after sharing the position for the last two seasons. Abdul-Khaliq was as good as any Big Ten quarterback late in the season, throwing for 584 yards and six touchdowns — almost half of his season total — in the final two games. "His confidence level is up," Mason says. "It's been

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

WR 18 Antoine Burns (Sr.)	86 Jakari Wallace (Fr.)
WR 17 Tony Patterson (Jr.)	1 Keith Matthews (So.)
WR 15 Jermaine Mays (Sr.)	36 Demetrus Johnson (So.)
LT 75 Jake Kuppe (Sr.)	74 Rian Melander (So.)
LG 67 Mark McElroy (So.)	64 Rob Kraemer (Fr.)
C 60 Mike Nicholson (Fr.)	64 Rob Kraemer (Fr.)
RG 70 Joe Quinn (Jr.)	79 Trevor McCulloch (Fr.)
RT 69 Jeremiah Carter (Sr.)	76 Matt McIntosh (Jr.)
TE 82 Ben Utecht (Jr.)	88 Scooter Baugus (Sr.)
QB 8 Asad Abdul-Khaliq (Jr.)	19 Benji Kamrath (Jr.)
RB 21 Marion Barber III (So.)	44 Thomas Tapeh (Jr.)

Defense (8)

DE 97 Mark Losli (Fr.)	46 Tony Dupree (Jr.)
NT 87 Dan Kwapinski (Jr.)	93 Brandon Harston (So.)
DT 43 Darrell Reid (So.)	92 Ryan Domin (Sr.)
DE 55 Charlton Keith (Fr.)	99 Damian Haye (Fr.)
LB 57 Terrance Campbell (Fr.)	12 Justin Fraley (So.)
LB 59 Ben West (Jr.)	53 Bradley Vance (So.)
LB 45 Junior Eugene (Fr.)	31 Phil Archer (Jr.)
CB 39 Michael Lehan (Sr.)	24 Danny Upchurch (Fr.)
CB 25 Ukee Dozier (So.)	13 Ken Williams (Fr.)
SS 20 Justin Isom (Jr.)	30 Johnathan Richmond (So.)
FS 27 Eli Ward (Jr.)	5 Dominique Sims (So.)

Special Teams

P 14 Preston Gruening (Sr.)
K 28 Dan Nystrom (Sr.)
PR 18 Antoine Burns (Sr.)
KR 18 Antoine Burns (Sr.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Glen Mason 2001 Record (Big Ten): 4-7 (2-6)
2002 Prediction: 9th Big Ten H.H.H. Metrodome (64,172)



The wins have steadily increased in Rocky Long's four years at New Mexico, but the Lobos have yet to record that big victory to catapult them to their first bowl game since 1997 — Dennis Franchione's final season in Albuquerque.

Whether it's been an inability to convert a field goal, get a key first down or stop a drive on third-and-short, New Mexico has been on

New Mexico lost its top three running backs from 2001, so establishing a consistent running game is the biggest concern for the Lobo staff heading into preseason camp.

The staff believes Tony Frazier, a 5'6" red-shirt freshman, can carry the load this fall. He had an outstanding spring and is listed atop the depth chart heading into the 2002 season.

The coaches are also high on home-grown product Dontrell Moore, but he missed the majority of the spring after tearing cartilage in his right knee. Quincy Wright, a senior, is the only tailback with experience, but he carried the ball only eight times last season.

Dwight Counter is one of several receivers who could relieve some of the pressure off the young running backs. He led the team with 43 catches for 774 yards and four touchdowns. Joe Manning, who had 26 catches for 482 yards in 2001, is one of three seniors who will share duties on the field.

One side of the offensive line is set with returning starters Jason Lenzmeier (tackle), Claude Terrell (guard) and Rashad McClure (center). McClure, the only senior, has started 31 of the last 34 games at center. Lenzmeier was an honorable mention

all-conference selection as a sophomore. He played all but 11 offensive snaps during the 2001 seasons. Terrell started 10 games last fall and earned Freshman All-America honors from the Football Writers Association of America.

Nosetackle Hebrews Josue started all 11 games in 2001 after transferring from junior college. He will joined on the Lobos' three-man line by ends Daniel Kegler and D.J. Renteria, who made four starts apiece last year.

Depth will be a major concern. "Kegler and Renteria played a lot of football, and they're listed as starters right now," Long says. "We're questioning the depth right now, but we signed two of our backup guys (Casey Hamilton and Zach Rupp) out of junior college, and they had a good spring."

There is some quality depth at linebacker, despite the loss of Mohammed Konte and Gary Davis, the 2001 team

leader in tackles (100), tackles for a loss (20.0) and sacks (8.0). Charles Moss returns in the middle and is the team's leading returning tackler (71), while Nick Speegle earned third-team freshman All-America honors last fall. Shannon Kincaid is on the left side, but will compete with sophomores Chrishone Harris and Domingo Villarruel.

The Lobo position made famous by current Chicago Bear Brian Urlacher is still up in the air heading into preseason camp. Kevin Walton, Sidney Wiley and Jason Malone are all competing for the starting duties.

Fola Fashola is a converted linebacker who will see time as a free safety; Terrell Golden is coming back from right shoulder surgery; and Brandon Ratcliff, who sat out last season due to academic problems, also is eligible this fall.

The cornerback situation makes Long nervous. David Crockett is solid, but the other spot has a few players still vying for the job. Desmar Black is No. 1 on the depth chart, but Brandon Gregory, Curtis Flakes and Roderick Palmer will compete for the position.

Sophomore Wes Zunker will take over the kicking duties, but the punting position is still up for grabs.



John Betancourt

Casey Kelly

the wrong end of close games on several occasions in the past few seasons. With those bitter experiences behind them, the Lobos look to clinch a bowl berth and contend for a conference title with a little bit more depth and a little bit more experience in 2002.

6 Junior quarterback Casey Kelly is the sixth quarterback — and the fifth starter — used by New Mexico since 1999.

Quarterback Casey Kelley took over for Rudy Camaano during the fourth game of the 2001 season and went 5-2 as a starter the rest of the way. The junior from Portland, Ore., threw for 1,559 yards and eight touchdowns and has solidified a position which has been far from consistent lately. But while the Lobos know who's going to be No. 1, there isn't anyone in the program who has proven to be a capable backup.

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

WR 8 Dwight Counter (Jr.)	24 Joe Manning (Sr.)
WR 15 Rashaun Sanders (Jr.)	5 Jake Farrell (Sr.)
TE 87 Bryan Penley (Jr.)	88 Mike Augustyniak (So.)
LT 64 Justin Colburn (Jr.)	72 Nate Hembree (So.)
LG 78 Calvin McDonald (Jr.)	63 Ryan Cook (Fr.)
C 66 Rashad McClure (Sr.)	67 Derek Watson (Jr.)
RG 76 Claude Terrell (So.)	71 Danny Perez (Jr.)
RT 75 Jason Lenzmeier (Jr.)	79 Terrance Pennington (Fr.)
QB 16 Casey Kelly (Jr.)	18 Kyle Kristick (Fr.)
FB 34 Landrick Brody (So.)	41 Adrian Byrd (Fr.)
TB 38 Tony Frazier (Fr.)	22 Dontrell Moore (Fr.)

Defense (5)

DE 93 Daniel Kegler (Jr.)	99 Casey Hamilton (Jr.)
NT 90 Hebrews Josue (Sr.)	96 Kyle Coulter (So.)
DE 98 D.J. Renteria (Jr.)	71 Zach Rupp (Jr.)
LB 39 Shannon Kincaid (Jr.)	55 Chrishone Harris (So.)
LB 51 Charles Moss (Sr.)	54 Domingo Villarruel (So.)
LB 89 Nick Speegle (So.)	53 Mike Mohoric (Fr.)
Lobo 27 Kevin Walton (So.)	6 Sidney Wiley (Jr.)
S 3 Terrell Golden (Jr.)	9 Brandon Ratcliff (Jr.)
S 22 David Hall (Sr.)	33 Fola Fashola (Jr.)
CB 20 David Crockett (Sr.)	4 Brandon Gregory (Sr.)
CB 13 Desmar Black (Sr.)	26 Curtis Flakes (So.)

Special Teams

K 32 Wes Zunker (So.)
P Norbert Gabaldon (So.)
KR 36 Quincy Wright (Sr.)
PR 36 Quincy Wright (Sr.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Rocky Long
2002 Prediction: 4th MWC

2001 Record (MWC): 6-5 (4-3)
University Stadium (37,000)



TCU horned frogs

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RANKING

TCU's first year in Conference USA was much like the previous three for the Horned Frogs — it ended in a bowl game.

After a 13-year stretch from 1985 to 1997 that produced only three winning seasons in Fort Worth, the Horned Frogs are 31-17 over the past four seasons. Two conference titles and two bowl victories have been the

Texas transfer Kenny Hayter.

Madison split time last year with Connally, but finished as the team's top rusher with 611 yards. He started the first four games last fall, but then was limited by injuries. But it didn't prevent him from stepping up when the Horned Frogs needed him most. In a late-season upset of league champion Louisville, he rushed 31 times for a career-best 156 yards.

Connally encountered the same setbacks as Madison. Connally moved into the starting lineup after Madison was sidelined and responded with 199 yards in his debut against Houston. A stress fracture suffered in a mid-November practice, however, ended his season.

Hayter played in 12 games for the Longhorns in 2000 and finished second on the team with 220 yards. Included in that total was a 122-yard game against Oklahoma State.

If Stilley can get them the ball, there are enough quality receivers to make the Horned Frogs dangerous.

LaTarence Dunbar, a physical player, is also one of the fastest on the roster and perhaps the top game-breaker. Adrian Madise made an immediate impact after transferring from Middle Georgia

JC by leading the Horned Frogs in receptions and receiving yards. A knee injury limited Kevin Brown to three games last season, but the hard-nosed receiver is back.

Brady Barrick is a solid offensive tackle. Considered the team's fastest lineman, Barrick started 11 games at right tackle and made significant improvement as a pass protector. The senior-laden interior line includes left guard Josh Harbuck, center Jamal Powell and right guard J.T. Aughinbaugh.

Junior left tackle John Glud is the biggest of a large group of defensive linemen. At 334 pounds, Glud brings a degree of toughness to the line.

Junior defensive end Bo Schobel returns after tearing his ACL in the opener at Nebraska. At the other defensive end spot, Bobby Pollard emerged late in the season and became the starter on the right side.

Defensive tackle Chad Pugh is the anchor. He has excellent quickness and

good strength and uses both to plug up the middle.

Outside linebacker LaMarcus McDonald is poised for an impressive finish to a solid career. McDonald had an incredible 25 tackles that resulted in 108 lost yards among his 80 stops in 2001. Josh Goolsby returns in the middle after suffering a torn ACL in his right knee in the season's second game.

TCU's top cornerback Jason Goss was a second-team all-league pick last year after leading the conference with 24 pass breakups, a total that ranked third nationally.

Junior Tyrone Sanders has only made four starts in his career, but he led the team with three interceptions his freshman season and has seen significant playing time.

Marvin Godbolt is a star on the rise at the weak safety position. Senior free safety Kenneth Hilliard made a smooth transition from cornerback last season and finished with a team-leading 82 tackles.

Junior Nick Browne, a former walk-on, earned the starting kicking job during fall practice a year ago and led the team in scoring. Senior Joey Biasatti, a strong left-footed punter, averaged 42.4 yards per punt.



Wayne Murdoch

Adrian Madise

by-products of the turnaround. But the prospects for a fifth straight bowl are somewhat suspect. Quarterback Casey Printers opted to transfer instead of returning for his senior season.

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TCU has won 31 games over the past four seasons, the school's best four-year stretch since winning 36 from 1935-1938.

With Printers out of the picture, it's Sean Stilley's team. The 6'5" senior received significant playing time last season when Printers was injured for a brief stretch. Against Army, he performed like Patterson hopes he will this fall. Stilley completed 21-of-29 for 273 yards and three TDs against the Black Knights.

Patterson feels good about the running back position. Juniors Ricky Madison and Corey Connally return but should be pushed by

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

WR 1	Terran Williams (Sr.)	12	Bruce Gilbert (Jr.)
WR 3	LaTarence Dunbar (Sr.)	87	Ryan Pearson (Fr.)
WR 13	Adrian Madise (Sr.)	85	Kevin Brown (Sr.)
LT 66	John Glud (Jr.)	55	Anthony Alabi (So.)
LG 68	Josh Harbuck (Sr.)	61	Ben Angeley (Fr.)
C 73	Jamal Powell (Sr.)	75	Chase Johnson (So.)
RG 70	J.T. Aughinbaugh (Sr.)	79	Zach Bray (So.)
RT 63	Brady Barrick (Sr.)	67	Jonathan Morgan (Jr.)
TE 86	Stanley Moss (Jr.)	47	Quint Ellis (Sr.)
QB 6	Sean Stilley (Sr.)	7	Brandon Hassell (So.)
FB* 36	Reggie Holts (Sr.)	33	Jon Muther (Sr.)
TB 34	Ricky Madison (Jr.)	32	Corey Connally (Jr.)

Defense (6)

DE 94	Bobby Pollard (Jr.)	88	Ranorris Ray (Fr.)
DT 49	John Turntine (Sr.)	87	Richard Evans (Jr.)
NT 76	Chad Pugh (Jr.)	98	Brandon Johnson (So.)
DE 21	Bo Schobel (Jr.)	96	Andrew Calovich (So.)
LB 44	LaMarcus McDonald (Sr.)	40	Devon Davis (Jr.)
LB 51	Josh Goolsby (Jr.)	50	Martin Patterson (So.)
CB 39	Jason Goss (Sr.)	13	Jerrold Brazier (So.)
CB 4	Tyrone Sanders (Jr.)	31	Mark Walker (So.)
WS 23	Marvin Godbolt (So.)	28	Jeremy Modkins (Fr.)
FS 2	Kenneth Hilliard (Sr.)	20	Chris Peoples (So.)
SS 43	Jared Smitherman (Sr.)	29	Flander Malone (Fr.)

Special Teams

K	9 Nick Browne (Jr.)
P	26 Joey Biasatti (Sr.)
KR	3 LaTarence Dunbar (Sr.)
PR	39 Jason Goss (Sr.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters

BOLD indicates returning starters

*The 12 offensive positions represent TCU's multiple formations.

Head Coach: Gary Patterson	2001 Record (C-USA): 6-6 (4-3)
2002 Prediction: 6th C-USA	Amon G. Carter Stadium (44,008)

A 3-8 season isn't what West Virginia fans had in mind. And this season doesn't look much better. Eight bowl teams and a trip to Wisconsin await. But coach Rich Rodriguez isn't panicking. "In the second year I think the players know a little more about what to expect from me," says the coach.

West Virginia will try an odd stack defense. The shotgun offense remains intact. But

asked. Behind Cobourne is Quincy Wilson, a power back who should finally realize his potential. When WVU uses a fullback, Moe Fofana and Hikee Johnson will rotate.

A.J. Nastasi will have to lead the pack at receiver. He has great hands and is a good route runner. Phil Braxton, a 6'3" senior, was expected to be WVU's go-to guy last season, but he was slowed by injuries and had trouble handling the deep ball.

Aside from those two, youth will have to serve. Dee Alston, perhaps the team's fastest player, needs to provide a deep threat. Miquelle Henderson, similar in size to Braxton, is in the mix. Cassel Smith may start at the slot — at least until junior college transfer Travis Garvin and recruits Broderic Jones and J.T. Perry come to the rescue.

WVU's line didn't remind anyone of Nebraska's, but it was solid. At tackle, the Mountaineers are set with Lance Nimmo, a senior who came on last season, and athletic Tim Brown. Nimmo understands the offense, possesses good athleticism and has good technique. The way he handled Syracuse's Dwight Freney gives Rodriguez hope. At guard, WVU is counting on Ken Sandor, who may be the strongest

player on team. Jeff Berk received the bulk of the work when Sandor was hurt last season and should start opposite him this season. Rodriguez likes Berk's aggressiveness and motor. Center Zach Dillow is a bit on the small side but is intelligent.

On defense, the Mountaineers have switched from four down linemen to three. If that is to be effective, Rodriguez needs a big season from David Upchurch. Known for his strength and quickness, Upchurch had 66 tackles, 14 for a loss, and four sacks last season.

WVU must get production from ends Kevin Freeman and Jason Davis, two solid but unspectacular starters. Davis has terrific vision and athleticism. Freeman is the proverbial coach's player. Tim Love will spell the pair.

West Virginia is sandwiching their best defender, Grant Wiley, in a three-linebacker scheme. Wiley was slowed last season by hamstringing injuries after being

named the Big East's Rookie of the Year in '00. Now, he's healthy. James Davis, who played end last year, is now a standup linebacker; he's more suited to the position with his size and range. Adam Lehnortt, tall and agile, or Ben Collins will handle the other side.

The leader at safety will be 200-pound senior Angel Estrada, a tireless, intelligent athlete who started last season. He'll play both rover and free safety. Jahmile Addae will likely start at free safety. Two players will man the outside strong (spur) position. Arthur Harrison, a physical back, probably will get the starting nod after a year on special teams. Jermaine Thaxton is also a contender.

At corner, technically sound Brian King will probably start, despite being limited in the spring with a wrist injury. Lance Frazier should hold off Lewis Daniels on the other side.

Todd James is the leading candidate at place-kicker. Casey Welch is also after the job. Mark Fazzolari was once an All-Big East punter, but James took over midway through the '01 season. Fazzolari had the better numbers, averaging 42.4 yards to James' 40.7. Frazier returns as the Mountaineers' punt returner. Page may handle the bulk of the kickoff returns.



Al Koolstra

Phil Braxton

quarterback Rasheed Marshall must improve. For the season, he completed 41-of-79 passes, threw four picks and just one touchdown. Rodriguez likes Marshall's speed. But if the sophomore falters, look for Rodriguez to quickly insert Danny Embick, a redshirt freshman with less speed, but a stronger arm.

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Running back Avon Cobourne has 18 100-yard rushing games in his career. He's averaged 104 yards against Miami and 111 against Syracuse.

Running back is a position of strength. Avon Cobourne, a 5'9", 190-pound all-purpose back, has been the workhorse for the past three seasons, piling up 3,455 yards on the ground. Cobourne could use another gear, but he's surprisingly effective for his size. Not only can he turn the corner, but he also runs well inside. He's a fine blocker and can catch when

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

WR 21 Phil Braxton (Sr.)	19 Scott Beresford (Sr.)
WR 83 Miquelle Henderson (So.)	85 Dee Alston (Fr.)
WR 12 A.J. Nastasi (Sr.)	26 Michael Page (Sr.)
WR*20 Cassel Smith (Jr.)	86 John Pennington (Jr.)
LT 77 Lance Nimmo (Sr.)	67 Ben Timmons (Jr.)
LG 58 Ken Sandor (Sr.)	61 Geoff Lewis (Jr.)
C 56 Zach Dillow (Sr.)	71 Justin Williams (So.)
RG 68 Jeff Berk (So.)	74 Aaron Howell (Fr.)
RT 60 Tim Brown (Jr.)	78 Josh Stewart (Fr.)
TE 49 Josh Bailey (Fr.)	85 Darnell Glover (Sr.)
QB 18 Rasheed Marshall (So.)	15 Danny Embick (Fr.)
SB 22 Avon Cobourne (Sr.)	3 Quincy Wilson (Jr.)

Defense (5)

DE 90 Jason Davis (Sr.)	92 Ben Lynch (So.)
DT 95 David Upchurch (Sr.)	64 Ernest Hunter (Fr.)
DE 42 Kevin Freeman (Sr.)	89 Tim Love (Sr.)
LB 1 James Davis (Sr.)	91 Adam Lehnortt (So.)
LB 6 Grant Wiley (Jr.)	Leandre Washington (Jr.)
LB 32 Ben Collins (Sr.)	54 Shane Graham (So.)
CB 11 Brian King (Jr.)	37 Anthony Mims (Fr.)
CB 19 Lance Frazier (Jr.)	4 Lewis Daniels (Sr.)
Rov 7 Angel Estrada (Sr.)	28 James Woodruff (Sr.)
SS 8 Arthur Harrison (Sr.)	84 Jermaine Thaxton (Sr.)
FS 48 Jahmile Addae (So.)	47 Lawrence Audena (So.)

Special Teams

K 38 Todd James (Jr.)
P 38 Todd James (Jr.)
KR 26 Michael Page (Sr.)
PR 19 Lance Frazier (Jr.)

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BOLD indicates returning starters

*The 12 offensive positions represent WVU's multiple formations.

Head Coach: Rich Rodriguez	2001 Record (Big East): 3-8 (1-6)
2002 Prediction: 6th Big East	Mountaineer Field (63,500)

Wherever he has gone, college or pro, John Mackovic has taken a losing football team and quickly turned it into a winner.

Now in his fifth reconstruction effort, this time at Arizona, Mackovic wants to do so again. He and his coaches feel that the Wildcats have enough capable players sprinkled throughout the roster to climb into the Pac-

arm. But Johnson is instinctive and intelligent. He lacks quickness but was savvy enough to complete 56.7 percent of his throws in 2001. He knows the offense the way Mackovic knows the offense and will enter the fall atop the depth chart.

Tailback Clarence Farmer was outstanding last season, leading the Pac-10 in rushing with 1,229 yards. Farmer is a big back and among the quickest in the conference. Redshirt freshman Mike Bell was so impressive in spring drills that UA coaches believe he could start at most Division I schools. As it is, he'll be Farmer's reliever, with help from another redshirt freshman, Gainus Scott, who climbed the depth chart quickly in spring practice.

Wide receiver Bobby Wade isn't blessed with blazing speed, but he makes big plays all over the field. He caught 62 passes a year ago without the benefit of another top receiver to relieve him of double-coverage. Andrae Thurman played extensively last year and emerged in spring practice as the club's No. 2 receiver. Junior college transfer Juan Valentine was impressive in spring practice, and letterman Lance Relford was improved. Tight ends James Hugo, Justin Levasseur and Steve Fleming are useful players.

The first unit offensive line is one of Arizona's strengths but the lack of depth makes the possibility of injuries a frightening thought. Center Keoki Fraser and right guard Reggie Sampay have been standout players. Left tackle Makoa Freitas, a fifth-year senior, has started when healthy since he was a sophomore and is the club's top pass protector. Brandon Phillips will enter the fall No. 1 at right tackle, while John Vorseck and Darren Safraneck will battle at left guard.

Nowhere are the Wildcats more unproven than on the defensive line, though senior tackle Young Thompson is scheduled to start for a third successive year. Sophomore Fata Avegalio has star potential as a pass-rusher and playmaker. Transfer Andre Torrey had a productive spring and is expected to start at end. Inside linebacker Lance Briggs has

made more tackles the last two seasons than anyone in the Pac-10. If he avoids injury, he'll be among the nation's best at his position. He is quick to the ball and a powerful hitter. Ray Wells and Joe Siofele were co-starters in 2001 and are expected to surround Briggs, and sophomore Kirk Johnson is a budding star.

Former tailback Anthony Fulcher is likely to share time at strong safety with Clay Hardt. Free safety Jarvie Worcester is a three-year starter. Cornerback Michael Jolivet has 10 career interceptions and is an All-Pac-10 player. Redshirt freshman Darrell Brooks made as much progress in spring practice as anyone on the defense. Three other corners — junior college transfer Luis Nunez, David Hinton and former receiver Gary Love — are good enough to play.

Punter Ramey Peru was adequate in 2001; his job is being sought by transfer James Molina. Prep All-American Danny Baugher will also get a crack at the job in training camp. Placekicker Sean Keel has started for two years and has been capable. Nevertheless, he is being challenged by incoming freshman Nicholas Folk and junior Bobby Gill.

Depth Chart Offense (8)

WR 1 Bobby Wade (Sr.)	81 Juan Valentine (Jr.)
WR 4 Andrae Thurman (Jr.)	18 Lance Relford (Jr.)
LT 77 Makoa Freitas (Sr.)	76 Matt Lamatsch (Jr.)
LG 65 John Vorseck (Sr.)	78 Darren Safraneck (Sr.)
C 67 Keoki Fraser (So.)	60 Thomas Stevens (Fr.)
RG 75 Reggie Sampay (Jr.)	63 Matt Page (Fr.)
RT 68 Brandon Phillips (Jr.)	76 Matt Lamatsch (Jr.)
TE 89 James Hugo (Sr.)	88 Justin Levasseur (Jr.)
QB 10 Jason Johnson (Sr.)	12 Nic Costa (Fr.)
TB 32 Clarence Farmer (Jr.)	26 Mike Bell (Fr.)
FB 35 Sean Jones (Fr.)	45 Antoine Singfield (Fr.)

Defense (6)

DE 98 Fata Avegalio (So.)	97 Isaac Watts (Fr.)
DT 91 Brad Brittain (Fr.)	99 Vince Feula (So.)
DT 93 Young Thompson (Sr.)	Carl Tuitavuki (Jr.)
DE 56 Andre Torrey (Jr.)	Tim Volk (Fr.)
LB 42 Joe Siofele (Jr.)	49 Matt Molina (Jr.)
LB 27 Lance Briggs (Sr.)	44 Patrick Howard (So.)
LB 7 Ray Wells (Sr.)	43 Kirk Johnson (So.)
CB 8 Michael Jolivet (Jr.)	13 Luis Nunez (Jr.)
CB 39 Darrell Brooks (Fr.)	2 David Hinton (Jr.)
SS 33 Clay Hardt (Jr.)	36 Anthony Fulcher (Jr.)
FS 47 Jarvie Worcester (Sr.)	31 Justin Jochum (So.)

Special Teams

K 3 Sean Keel (Sr.)
P 12 Ramey Peru (Jr.)
KR 9 Gary Love (Jr.)
PR 1 Bobby Wade (Sr.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD Indicates returning starters

Head Coach: John Mackovic 2001 Record (Pac-10): 5-6 (2-6)
 2002 Prediction: 9th Pac-10 Arizona Stadium (56,002)



Tom Hauck/Allsport

Clarence Farmer

10's first division and play in a bowl game for the first time since 1998.

"Our standards are higher," says recruiting coordinator and receivers coach Rob Ianello. "Every aspect of the program has changed."

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The Wildcats allowed a school-record 34.3 points per game in 2001.

In previous stops at Wake Forest, Illinois, Texas and with the Kansas City Chiefs, Mackovic went a cumulative 19-30-1 in his first year, and turned it around to 31-19-1 in Year 2. Mackovic seems to be a master at restoring attitude and motivation, and in coaching teams that are underdogs.

What matters most to Mackovic is how redshirt freshman Nic Costa closes the gap on Jason Johnson (11 starts in 2001), the club's only quarterback to play in a college game.

Costa is stronger, faster and has a better



This is how far the UNLV football program has come in three years under John Robinson: A 3-4 finish in Mountain West Conference play was considered a major disappointment.

Considering the Rebels had come off an 0-11 season and were in the midst of a 16-game losing streak when Robinson took over, a 3-4 record in the competitive Mountain

2000 version than the 2001 edition during spring practice.

The Rebels have a solid backup in Kurt Nantkes, a former minor league pitcher in the Oakland organization who will likely take over the starting spot in 2003.

Gutty senior tailback Joe Haro rushed for 1,107 yards and 10 touchdowns last season and had five 100-yard rushing games. But Haro may be hard-pressed to keep his starting job because of the addition of two talented Pac-10 transfers — Larry Croom, who started his career at Arizona, and Deon Burnett, who broke Rueben Mayes' freshman rushing mark at Washington State with 974 yards and 12 touchdowns in 1999.

Another key addition is junior college transfer wideout David Relf, Thomas' former prep teammate who was the talk of spring drills. He brings much needed toughness. Troy Mason, a two-year starter who is also an excellent return man, Michael Johnson and Earvin Johnson all were part of UNLV's four-man rotation and should benefit from another year of maturity.

The Rebels have one of the top tight ends in the conference in senior Dejhown Mandley, who led the squad with three touchdown receptions and is a solid blocker.

Only powerful senior right guard Tony Terrell returns from an offensive line that produced the nation's 16th-ranked running attack while surrendering just 12 quarterback sacks. Two past starters from Cal State Northridge's now-defunct program, right tackle Keith Kincaid and center Carlos Acosta, are expected to fill two starting berths. The other guard spot should go to Marcus Johnson, who saw significant playing time last season. Matt Williams, who drew raves for his play during spring, will line up at left tackle.

Junior college transfers Shaun Siaki, who paid his own way for a semester so he could take part in spring drills, and Chris Eagen will be counted on for quality minutes at defensive end. Another JC recruit, Joe Oniwor, is being counted on for a contribution at tackle.

Senior Ahmad Briggs returns to start at one end spot while converted tight end Trevan Sorensen, who missed most of spring practice with a spinal injury, is the early favorite at the other. Dietrich Canterbury and Garrett Brassington are the likely starters at tackle.

Junior Ryan Claridge, who forced six fumbles last season, is moving to outside linebacker to make room in the middle for sophomore Adam Seward. The duo combined for 131 tackles last season. Tyrone Tucker, a transfer from Iowa State, will start at the other outside spot.

The Rebels suffered two huge losses in All-America cornerback Kevin Thomas and safety Sam Brandon. Jamal Wynn returns at cornerback and will likely inherit Thomas' old role of taking on the opponent's best receiver. Junior college transfer Daniel Jones, sophomore Ruschard Dodd-Masters and Idaho State transfer Michael Clancey are battling at the other corner. Connie Brown will take over for Brandon at free safety while Chameion Sutton returns at strong safety.

Kicker Dillon Pieffer and punter Gary Cook both return along with kickoff specialist Hubi Schulze Zumkley.



Paul Jaszenski

Jason Thomas

West and an overall 4-7 mark doesn't seem half bad. However, coming on the heels of 2000 when UNLV finished 8-5 and demolished Arkansas 31-14 in the Las Vegas Bowl, it was a big letdown.

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UNLV ranked seventh in the Mountain West Conference and 104th in the nation in passing offense a year ago.

Quarterback Jason Thomas found himself on billboards around Las Vegas and the object of a national media campaign by the school following a sensational sophomore season. But Thomas had surgery for a broken foot shortly after the Las Vegas Bowl and then required shoulder surgery on his throwing arm just a month before the start of fall practice, which noticeably affected his arm strength. The good news for Rebels fans is that a healthy Thomas looked closer to the

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

WR 86 Troy Mason (Sr.)	8 Michael Johnson (Jr.)
WR 4 Earvin Johnson (So.)	84 David Relf (Jr.)
LT 71 Matt Williams (Jr.)	67 Eddie Freas (Sr.)
LG 76 Marcus Johnson (So.)	78 Joel Menendez (Jr.)
C Carlos Acosta (Sr.)	73 Dominic Furio (Jr.)
RG 70 Tony Terrell (Sr.)	60 Ernie Calanche (Sr.)
RT 62 Keith Kincaid (Sr.)	68 Zach Gorham (Fr.)
TE 80 Dejhown Mandley (Sr.)	33 Michael Freund (Fr.)
QB 2 Jason Thomas (Sr.)	7 Kurt Nantkes (So.)
TB 34 Joe Haro (Sr.)	1 Larry Croom (Jr.)
FB 24 Steven Costa (Sr.)	35 Andrew Faga (Jr.)

Defense (6)

DE 83 Trevan Sorensen (Sr.)	Chris Eagen (Jr.)
DT 91 Dietrich Canterbury (Jr.)	92 Phil Reed (Sr.)
DT 93 Garrett Brassington (Sr.)	Joe Oniwor (Jr.)
DE 90 Ahmad Briggs (Sr.)	96 Shaun Siaki (Jr.)
LB 49 Ryan Claridge (Jr.)	48 Joe Miklos (Fr.)
LB 55 Adam Seward (So.)	59 Bill Cofer (Sr.)
LB 52 Tyrone Tucker (Sr.)	46 Zach Bell (So.)
CB 3 Ruschard Dodd-Masters (So.)	15 Daniel Jones (Jr.)
CB 19 Jamal Wynn (Sr.)	Michael Clancey (Jr.)
SS 21 Chameion Sutton (Sr.)	27 Jamaal Brimmer (So.)
FS 13 Connie Brown (Sr.)	41 Ross Dalton (Sr.)

Special Teams

K 95 Dillon Pieffer (Jr.)
P 16 Gary Cook (So.)
PR 86 Troy Mason (Sr.)
KR 6 Dominique Dorsey (So.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: John Robinson
2002 Prediction: 5th MWC

2001 Record (MWC): 4-7 (3-4)
Sam Boyd Stadium (36,800)



Terry Hoeppner has a little secret. Quarterback Ben Roethlisberger should be even better this year. That's a hard pill to swallow for Miami opponents, but music to the ears of RedHawk fans.

Last season, Roethlisberger was named Mid-American Conference Freshman of the Year and earned first-team Football Writers Freshman All-America honors.



Miami SID

Terrell Jones

Miami returns a strong corps of receivers, and Roethlisberger's development will be tied directly to the RedHawks' quest for a league title.

7-1

The RedHawks were 7-1 in 2001 when they passed for more yards than their opponents.

"We asked a lot of Ben last year, probably too much," Hoeppner says. "Ben will get better after having grown a year older. He needs to make a big leap in terms of leadership. We will be more demanding of him. Everybody is excited. We now have a chance to make a statement."

Roethlisberger burst onto the scene last year and broke Miami's single-season records for passing yards (3,105), touchdown passes (25), completion percentage (.663) and total offense (3,294). He also set MAC freshman

records for passing yards and touchdown passes.

Josh Betts, a former Southwest Ohio Offensive Player of the Year, is Roethlisberger's understudy.

The RedHawks must establish a solid running game to complement their passing attack. Cal Murray and Luke Clemens should fill the void left by the departure of Steve Little. Clemens was Miami's second-leading rusher last year with 431 yards on 109 carries. Murray has plenty of speed and should build on last season's 342 rushing yards.

Roethlisberger has plenty of weapons at his disposal. The RedHawks are loaded at receiver with four players returning who averaged at least 10 yards per catch last fall. Sophomore Michael Larkin surprised everybody with a team-best 672 receiving yards, the fifth-best total in school history.

Jason Branch led the team with 46 catches and tallied 565 yards and six touchdowns, while fellow senior Eddie Tillitz was second in yards (577) and receptions (43). Randy Stegman looks to build on 2001 totals of 14 catches and 158 yards while Corey Kirkpatrick, Purdue transfer Andre Henderson and Martin Nance complete the RedHawks' talented corps of receivers.

Dan Tyler and Geoff Robinson will vie for the open tight end spot.

Guarding the quarterback will be the main task for an experienced group of offensive linemen. The first order of business will be replacing center Paul Thaler. Sophomore Ben Hartings is the main candidate after backing up Thaler most of last season.

Left tackle Jacob Bell, the most athletic of the group, is finally healthy after missing 10 games last season due to a shoulder injury. Left guard Frank Smith and right tackle Ben Herrell started 10 games last year. Justin Smith will play right guard.

Junior Phil Smith and senior Ryan Terry will try to solidify the defensive line. Smith piled up five sacks and Terry accounted for nine tackles for a loss.

Smith will be moved over to left end, and Terry fills the right tackle slot.

Will Rueff and Matt Edwards, a former linebacker, are expected to fill the other two spots in Miami's front four.

The catalysts for the RedHawks' 4-3 defense are a pair of first-team All-MAC performers in junior middle linebacker Terrell Jones and senior outside linebacker Matt Robillard.

Jones finished with a team-high 124 total tackles and Robillard amassed 109 stops and led the team with 13 tackles for a loss. The talented corps also includes outside backer Nathan Clayton.

Senior corner Milt Bowen and sophomore strong safety Matt Pusateri are the team's two returning starters in the secondary. Ryan Sprague is set at left corner, and the free safety position will come down to a battle between Van Monroe and newcomer Bryan Tyson.

Jared Parseghian, the great-nephew of Ara Parseghian, took over the kicking duties after Andy Brumbergs struggled at the start of last season. Sophomore Mike Wafzig returns after averaging 38.6 yards per punt last season.

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

WR 4 Eddie Tillitz (Sr.)	81 Randy Stegman (Sr.)
WR 80 Jason Branch (Sr.)	88 Corey Kirkpatrick (Jr.)
WR 6 Michael Larkin (So.)	15 Martin Nance (Fr.)
LT 74 Jacob Bell (Jr.)	60 Dan Kosta (Jr.)
LG 54 Frank Smith (Jr.)	61 Dave Rehker (So.)
C 64 Ben Hartings (So.)	61 Dave Rehker (So.)
RG 63 Justin Smith (Sr.)	55 Zac Elcess (Fr.)
RT 71 Ben Herrell (Jr.)	60 Dan Kosta (Jr.)
TE 90 Geoff Robinson (Jr.)	37 Dan Tyler (Fr.)
QB 7 Ben Roethlisberger (So.)	89 Josh Betts (Fr.)
RB 43 Cal Murray (Jr.)	11 Luke Clemens (Jr.)

Defense (7)

DE 57 Phil Smith (Jr.)	49 Will Stanley (Jr.)
DT 52 Will Rueff (So.)	91 Larry Burt (So.)
DT 56 Ryan Terry (Sr.)	91 Larry Burt (So.)
DE 50 Matt Edwards (Sr.)	58 Kurt Mester (Sr.)
LB 17 Matt Robillard (Sr.)	48 Bill Lauter (Fr.)
LB 3 Terrell Jones (Jr.)	50 Matt Edwards (Sr.)
LB 45 Nathan Clayton (Jr.)	53 Shawn Ashcraft (Fr.)
CB 18 Milt Bowen (Sr.)	9 Alphonso Hodge (So.)
CB 22 Ryan Sprague (Jr.)	9 Alphonso Hodge (So.)
SS 19 Matt Pusateri (So.)	26 Delvin Walls (Jr.)
FS 20 Van Monroe (So.)	Bryan Tyson (Fr.)

Special Teams

K 26 Jared Parseghian (So.)
P 16 Mike Wafzig (So.)
KR 18 Milt Bowen (Sr.)
PR 4 Eddie Tillitz (Sr.)

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BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Terry Hoeppner 2001 Record (MAC): 7-5 (6-2)
2002 Prediction: 3rd MAC East Yager Stadium (30,012)



Northern Illinois huskies

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Everything is pointing toward another winning season for Northern Illinois. Coming off a 6-5 campaign, which included a 17-12 loss at Big Ten champion Illinois, the Huskies appear to be poised for another breakthrough.

In 16 years as a Mid-American Conference member, the Huskies haven't recorded back-to-back winning seasons until the past two

snaps last year. Junior Kyle Padia is familiar with the offense but lacks experience. Junior college transfer Ryan Gilbert and redshirt freshman Joe Stamm also are possibilities. Stamm is the most athletic of the group that also includes heralded freshman recruit Phil Horvath.

The winner of the quarterback derby inherits the luxury of having two quality running backs. The Huskies welcome back 90.5 percent of their rushing attack from last season. Senior Thomas Hammock, who broke the 1,000-yard barrier for the second straight season, and his backup, junior Michael Turner, make up one of the best one-two tandems in the conference.

Hammock (1,096 yards) and Turner (395 yards) often rotate series and wear down defenses with different styles of running. Hammock likes to pound the middle, while Turner uses his blazing speed.

Senior flanker P.J. Fleck has the tough task of replacing Darrell Hill, the Huskies' leader in receiving yards in 2001. But Fleck, who caught 59 passes for 732 yards, learned well under the tutelage of Hill and 2001 NFL draftee Justin McCareins.

Junior Keith Perry had several big catches as a freshman, but injuries led to only 17 receptions last year. Junior college transfer Travis House, Mike Archie and Dan Sheldon will also be asked to make contributions.

The tight end position is strong with returning starter Matt Dunker.

Injuries riddled an inexperienced offensive line last season, but the Huskies were still able to amass 1,589 yards on the ground. Second-team All-MAC selection Tim Vincent returns at left tackle. The other three returning starters are center Todd Ghilani, right guard Shaun Schroeder and right tackle Mark Orszula.

Senior nose tackle Anthony Falbo anchors a young defensive line. Travis Moore and Jason Frank give the Huskies speed at both ends. Eric Didesch, a starter in 2001, will battle redshirt freshman Charles Johnson for the starting job

at right tackle. Converted linebacker Vinson Reynolds, Jason Banks and Curtis Crossley will see time as backups.

Middle linebacker Nick Duffy (125 tackles) and weak-side linebacker Larry Williams (123) were the Huskies' top two playmakers last season. Brian Atkinson takes over at the strong-side spot and Kursten Strothman is emerging as a top-notch backup.

Hard-hitting free safety Lionel Hickenbottom heads a strong secondary that returns all four starters. Senior cornerback Vince Thompson earned all-conference honors with five interceptions and 12 pass deflections last season. Cornerback Randee Drew and strong safety Akil Grant complete the Huskies' secondary.

Kicker Steve Azar picked up a bushel of awards after another strong season. The MAC Special Teams co-Player of the Year tied for third in the country in field goals made per game and missed only two attempts under 40 yards. Senior punter Jimmy Erwin busted loose after a dismal sophomore season.

Fleck will handle the punt return duties and Turner takes over as kickoff returner.



Northern Illinois SID

Thomas Hammock

years. Northern Illinois hopes to continue breaking new ground. The Huskies return 16 starters but first must overcome one major roadblock — replacing quarterback Chris Finlen, the school's first three-time captain since 1899.

8-3

Northern Illinois boasts an 8-3 record when Thomas Hammock rushes for 100 or more yards.

"Right now, I don't have any idea who will be the quarterback," coach Joe Novak said in the spring. "We need somebody to step up. He doesn't have to be a superstar. We have an experienced offense returning. But you just can't replace Chris Finlen's experience overnight. But the rest of the team is strong and we should be good."

Sophomore Josh Haldi is the most likely choice as the starter, but he took just 20

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

SE 1 Keith Perry (Jr.)	81 Mike Archie (Jr.)
FL 82 P.J. Fleck (Sr.)	5 Dan Sheldon (So.)
LT 73 Tim Vincent (Sr.)	76 Shea Fitzgerald (Fr.)
LG 69 Graham Sleight (Jr.)	79 Ben Lueck (So.)
C 63 Todd Ghilani (Jr.)	72 Andrew DuFrenne (Fr.)
RG 71 Matt McGhghy (So.)	64 Shaun Schroeder (Jr.)
RT 66 Jake Verstraete (So.)	77 Mark Orszula (Jr.)
TE 86 Matt Dunker (Sr.)	87 Aaron Anderson (So.)
QB 10 Josh Haldi (So.)	16 Kyle Padia (Jr.)
FB 33 James Johnson (Sr.)	34 Mike Scaramella (Jr.)
TB 28 Thomas Hammock (Sr.)	32 Michael Turner (Jr.)

Defense (9)

DE 56 Travis Moore (So.)	25 Curtis Crossley (So.)
DT 51 Eric Didesch (Sr.)	95 Charles Johnson (Fr.)
NT 94 Anthony Falbo (Sr.)	93 Jason Banks (Sr.)
DE 99 Jason Frank (Jr.)	55 Vinson Reynolds (Jr.)
LB 38 Brian Atkinson (So.)	22 Jason Hawkins (So.)
LB 45 Nick Duffy (Jr.)	50 Kursten Strothman (So.)
LB 26 Larry Williams (Sr.)	47 Javan Lee (Fr.)
CB 18 Randee Drew (Jr.)	27 Rob Lee (So.)
CB 17 Vince Thompson (Sr.)	15 Gerard Taylor (Jr.)
SS 21 Akil Grant (Jr.)	37 Justin Dole (Sr.)
FS 9 Lionel Hickenbottom (Jr.)	23 Devron Francis (So.)

Special Teams

K 13 Steve Azar (Jr.)
P 4 Jimmy Erwin (Sr.)
KR 32 Michael Turner (Jr.)
PR 82 P.J. Fleck (Sr.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Joe Novak
2002 Prediction: 2nd MAC West

2001 Record (MAC): 6-5 (4-3)
Huskie Stadium (31,000)

In his three seasons as head coach of the moribund Baylor football program, Kevin Steele has often attempted to paint as pretty a picture as possible. But with an unprecedented sense of urgency, Steele now says it's time for him to produce.

"Coaches are quick sometimes to not paint themselves into a corner, but the truth is we expect to win, and we need to win," Steele says.

But the player with the most potential is junior college transfer Rashad Armstrong, the 2001 National Junior College Athletic Association Offensive Player of the Year. Compact and extremely strong, Armstrong is also a solid receiver out of the backfield.

The Bears have star potential at wide receiver, where Reggie Newhouse returns for his senior season after another stellar year.

Newhouse isn't a physical marvel, but he is an impact player. He finished fifth in the Big 12 in receptions per game. "Reggie is the consummate professional," Steele says. "He's an outstanding football player who consistently plays at a very high level." The challenge is to find other receivers who fit that description. John Martin and Robert Quiroga are solid targets and combined for 55 catches a year ago. But the Bears hope to receive an immediate impact from junior college transfers Vince Copeland and J.T. Thompson.

Baylor has made major strides in protecting the passer. Last year's guards, Antoine Murphy and Cedric Fields, who has moved to center, are solid and dependable. "We've created some depth there, and we have some maturity there," Steele says. Derek Long and

to be a natural on the inside. He is a physical run-stopper who can mix it up.

Garrett, a tremendous athlete, should also benefit from the move. Garrett recorded 89 stops last year and has the speed to be a bigger force on the outside. Junior Stephen Sepulveda returns to strong-side linebacker after a solid season in which he recorded 69 stops.

The Bears return an excellent playmaker in strong safety Derrick Cash, who made 106 tackles and led the team with five interceptions in 2001. Bobby Hart and Matt Johnson are solid coverage cornerbacks, while Danielle McLean and Matt Amendola are locked in an interesting battle to replace Samir Al-Amin at free safety. Junior college transfers Tyson Hampton and Larry Bynum should also figure immediately into the rotation.

Newhouse, Hart, Quiroga and Chedrick Ricks form an impressive return quartet, but the Bears have serious concerns in terms of their kicking specialists. Punter/placekicker Adam Stiles is gone, leaving both jobs open. Baylor hopes that either senior Daniel Andino steps up as the placekicker or true freshman Jeremy Parker provides the solution at both spots. Parker averaged 44 yards per punt and



Jon Pattillo

A.C. Collier

The Bears have plenty of possibilities at quarterback. Greg Cicero, Aaron Karas and Josh Zachry have all started, while Davon Vinson received quality playing time last year. The objective is to develop a proven playmaker to take control. Cicero, a sixth-year senior, is still the most likely candidate. He is a good passer and a solid runner but must protect the foot-

Derrick Percy are battling for starting spots, while T.J. Helmcamp and Ryan McDaniel form a solid rotation at right tackle.

Baylor's most significant improvements have come on defense. With a talented and experienced defensive line returning, the improvements could be even more evident in 2002. Tackles Ethan Kelley and Kevin Stevenson are the anchors of the improving defensive front. Kelley is the strongest player on the roster, while Stevenson led the Bears with 12 tackles for a loss last year.

The ends, A.C. Collier and Aaron Lard, combined last year for 10 sacks and 21 stops behind the line of scrimmage. Charles Mann started seven games and was credited with five tackles for loss.

The Bears have switched Greg Wade from outside linebacker to the middle and moved John Garrett from the middle to the outside. Wade added some beef during the off-season and, at 245 pounds, appears

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

WR 81 Reggie Newhouse (Sr.)	82 Robert Quiroga (Jr.)
WR 87 John Martin (So.)	88 J. Fields (Fr.)
WR 80 Ray Harrington (Sr.)	28 Bobby Darnell (Sr.)
LT 70 Derek Long (Jr.)	74 Quintin Outland (So.)
LG 62 Derrick Percy (Sr.)	55 Matt Bickel (Sr.)
C 76 Cedric Fields (Jr.)	75 Chris Sipes (So.)
RG 68 Antoine Murphy (Sr.)	63 Scott Pendleton (Jr.)
RT 73 T.J. Helmcamp (Sr.)	72 Ryan McDaniel (So.)
TE 44 Shane Williams (Jr.)	84 Luke Groth (So.)
QB 10 Greg Cicero (Sr.)	2 Aaron Karas (So.)
RB 48 Jonathan Golden (Jr.)	30 Anthony Krieg (So.)

Defense (8)

DE 97 A.C. Collier (Sr.)	60 Charles Mann (Sr.)
NT 59 Ethan Kelley (Sr.)	57 Eric Jackson (Fr.)
DT 99 Kevin Stevenson (Sr.)	78 Travis Hicks (Sr.)
DE 90 Aaron Lard (Jr.)	94 Joe Simmons (Jr.)
LB 42 Stephen Sepulveda (Jr.)	98 Kelvin Chaisson (Sr.)
LB 56 Greg Wade (Sr.)	58 Michael Tolbert (So.)
LB 5 John Garrett (Jr.)	46 Justin Crooks (So.)
CB 23 Matt Johnson (Jr.)	Tyson Hampton (Jr.)
CB 24 Bobby Hart (Jr.)	29 Randy Davis (Sr.)
SS 33 Derrick Cash (Jr.)	20 Kevin Goodnight (So.)
FS 40 Matt Amendola (Jr.)	8 Danielle McLean (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 34 Daniel Andino (Sr.)
P 15 John Self (So.)
KR 24 Bobby Hart (Jr.)
PR 24 Bobby Hart (Jr.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD Indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Kevin Steele 2001 Record (Big 12): 3-8 (0-8)
2002 Prediction: 6th Big 12 South Floyd Casey Stadium (50,000)

3-45

Baylor's Big 12 record is just 3-45 since the league's formation. The Bears last won a league game on Oct. 10, 1998.

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Last year, as a team, Baylor ground out just 1,053 rushing yards. New offensive coordinator Dave Baldwin made it clear in the spring that Baylor will focus more on the running game. The Bears have a couple of solid tailbacks in Anthony Krieg and Jonathan Golden.

Tom Amstutz enjoyed a storybook year in 2001, his first season as the head coach at his alma mater. The former Toledo offensive lineman guided the Rockets to the Mid-American Conference title and a win over Cincinnati in the Motor City Bowl. Toledo compiled a 10-2 record — its second consecutive 10-win season — and finished the year ranked in both major polls.



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Nick Kaczur

Now comes the daunting task of replacing 11 starters including the entire defensive line, a two-time all-conference starting quarterback, and Chester Taylor, the school's all-time leading rusher and a third-team All-American.

23-3

Toledo's has a 23-3 record in its last 26 games. The Rockets won their final three games in 1999, recorded a 10-1 campaign in '00 and followed that up with a 10-2 record in '01.

"I enjoyed last season for about one day and then it was back to basics since we had a great task ahead of us," says Amstutz.

The Tavares Bolden era is finally over. Now, Amstutz must find someone to replace one of the all-time great Toledo quarterbacks. Senior Brian Jones, who started one game last year, emerged from spring ahead of redshirt fresh-

man Bruce Gradkowski and highly regarded junior college transfer Cedric Stevens.

Toledo will be without Taylor, the MAC's No. 2 all-time leading rusher, and his talented back-up, Antwon McCray.

"Obviously you don't replace those guys," says Amstutz, "but we have a lot of returning talent to utilize in our offense."

William Bratton will likely be the No. 1 tailback if he is awarded a sixth-year of eligibility by the NCAA. Bratton played in just one game last fall and has battled various ailments throughout his Toledo career. Webster Jackson will play a prominent role in the Rockets' backfield, either as a starter or Bratton's backup. He averaged four yards per carry last year in limited use but showed signs of promise when he ran for 53 yards on 10 carries against Central Michigan.

Toledo returns its top three wideouts in Carl Ford, the team's best playmaker, Dontá Greene, UT's leader in receptions, and Manny Johnson, the fastest member of the receiving corps. This group lacks star power, but collectively they are quite effective; the Rockets finished fourth

in passing yardage a year ago.

The strength of the Rocket offense this year will be the offensive line. Nick Kaczur returns after earning second-team All-MAC honors as a freshman. Two other starters — Chris Tuminello and Tim Dirksen — are back, along with four key reserves.

No area of this team took a bigger hit from graduation than the defensive line. The Rockets lost all four starters and seven letter-winners overall. Powerful Chaz Williams returns and will be asked to take on a larger role at tackle. Didier Ormejuste, a native of Quebec, had an outstanding spring and will start next to Williams.

Toledo has some quality players returning at the end position: Don Gaines, Frank Ofili and Phil Alexander. Ofili was outstanding in 2000 but slumped last year.

Toledo is loaded with playmakers at

the inside linebacker position. Tom Ward is a tackling machine who finished second in the MAC last fall with 129 stops. His sidekick is David Gardner, a 6'2", 231-pounder who was second on the team with 106 tackles in 2001. UT has two quality players returning at OLB, which is a premium position in their 4-4 attack defensive alignment. Patrick Body and Paul Dye are gifted athletes who can stop the run and play the pass.

Toledo's pass defense finished eighth in the MAC last year (216 yards per game), and at times the defensive backs looked shaky. Cornerbacks Jehu Anderson and Brandon Hefflin hope to return to their 2000 form, especially in one-on-one coverage. Demetris Simms, a reserve in 2001, takes over at free safety this fall. Keon Jackson and true freshman Jamar Landrum will also press for playing time.

Brandon Hannum returns as the punter after averaging 40.9 yard per kick last year. Jason Robbins takes over the kicking duties from record-setting Todd France.

Greene averaged 21.0 yards per kickoff return and a MAC-leading 12.4 yards per punt return.

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

WR 2 Carl Ford (Sr.)	14 Lance Moore (So.)
WR 26 Dontá Greene (Sr.)	27 Brandon Langston (Fr.)
WR 3 Manny Johnson (Sr.)	14 Lance Moore (Sq.)
LT 68 Nick Kaczur (So.)	67 Wael Jarbou (So.)
LG 65 Darric Randolph (Jr.)	51 David Odenthal (Jr.)
C 60 Chris Tuminello (Sr.)	76 Chris Wakeman (Fr.)
RG 79 Noah Swartz (Sr.)	53 Andrew Iszler (So.)
RT 72 Tim Dirksen (Jr.)	74 Erik Faasen (Jr.)
TE 81 Chris Holmes (So.)	89 Andrew Clarke (So.)
QB 10 Brian Jones (Sr.)	7 Bruce Gradkowski (Fr.)
TB 21 William Bratton (Sr.)	13 Webster Jackson (So.)

Defense (4)

DE 98 Philip Alexander (So.)	99 Frank Ofili (Jr.)
DT 95 Chaz Williams (Jr.)	91 Zach Kiesch (Fr.)
DT 44 Didier Ormejuste (Jr.)	94 R.J. Cameron (So.)
DE 43 Don Gaines (So.)	37 Brian King (Sr.)
LB 30 Tom Ward (Sr.)	53 Scott Genord (Jr.)
LB 57 David Gardner (Sr.)	42 Brock Dodrill (So.)
ROV 1 Paul Dye (Jr.)	38 Paul Bockmore (So.)
S 11 Patrick Body (So.)	10 Hannibal Pearson (Fr.)
FS 20 Demetris Simms (Sr.)	6 Keon Jackson (Fr.)
CB 24 Jehu Anderson (Sr.)	35 Raymond Gamble (Fr.)
CB 12 Brandon Hefflin (Jr.)	4 Brandon Carter (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 31 Jason Robbins (Fr.)
P 41 Brandon Hannum (Jr.)
KR 26 Dontá Greene (Sr.)
PR 26 Dontá Greene (Sr.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Tom Amstutz	2001 Record (MAC): 10-2 (5-2)
2002 Prediction: 3rd MAC West	Glass Bowl (26,248)



Kansas Jayhawks

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RANKING

Forget about X's and O's, offensive strategy and defensive wizardry. When former Oklahoma assistant Mark Mangino reflects on his three years in Norman, he appreciates Bob Stoops more for what he taught him off the field. Not on it.

"From Bob, I learned how to stay calm when things are tough," says Mangino, "and how to smile when everyone else is frowning."

two of Kansas' three wins last season, or junior college transfer Bill Whittemore, a player who has drawn comparisons to former Oklahoma standout Josh Heupel because of his grit and leadership capabilities.

Tailback Reggie Duncan, who gained 739 yards as a sophomore last year, may be one of the Big 12's best-kept secrets. He torched Texas Tech for 227 yards but was hindered by a subpar offensive line for most of the season. Duncan is a bruiser at 215 pounds, but he also has the speed and elusiveness to go around the end.

One of the biggest off-season developments for Kansas came when the NCAA granted receiver Harrison Hill a sixth year of eligibility. Hill, who broke his scapula in Kansas' second game last season, needs 26 receptions and 732 yards to become the Jayhawks' all-time leader in both categories.

Derick Mills, who scored three touchdowns in 2001, is one of the conference's smallest receivers at 5'7", 165 pounds. But he's also one of the fastest. Coaches are hoping senior Byron Gasaway, who's averaged just 12 catches per season during his career, has a breakthrough year.

The Jayhawks lost three starters on the offensive line, including all-conference performer Justin Hartwig.

Mangino has high hopes for tackle Justin Sands, a specimen at 6'7", 300. But for Kansas to improve, junior college transfers Tony Coker and Skye Peterson will have to have an immediate impact on an offensive front that is thin beyond guard Kyle Grady, Sands and center Greg Nicks.

The Jayhawks appear to be set on the other side of the line with Travis Watkins, who was moved inside to tackle during spring, and end Charlie Dennis returning. Both players are all-conference candidates. The interior positions, however, are another story. Nostackle Nate Dwyer is gone along with two-year starter Ervin Holloman. Brock Teddlerton, a 340-pounder, moved from offense to defense midway through last season and quickly earned time as a backup. Tony Strickland played sparingly in 2001 but now could become a starter.

The linebacking corps could be the Jayhawks' deepest position. Or at least the most experienced. Leo Etienne, whose 94 tackles a year ago are tops among Kansas returnees, is the sparkplug that gives the Jayhawk defense its spirit. Mangino has moved former outside linebacker Greg Cole to the inside, while the speedy Banks Floodman, who played in all 11 games as a true freshman, has switched from the inside to the outside.

The Jayhawks lose cornerback Andrew Davison, a four-year starter, but Remuise Johnson had a solid spring and appears primed to step into that role. Carl Ivey, who had two interceptions a year ago, is back at the other corner and could be one of the conference's breakthrough players by season's end. Strong safety Jake Letourneau is hoping to improve on a junior season that saw him tally 88 tackles. Johnny McCoy, a reserve cornerback last fall, had a strong spring and will be the starting free safety heading into preseason camp.

Kansas' top all-conference candidate may be kicker Johnny Beck, who made 14-of-20 field goals and 16-of-17 extra point attempts as a true freshman last year.

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

WR 1 Harrison Hill (Sr.)	19 Derick Mills (Jr.)
WR 2 Byron Gasaway (Sr.)	86 Barry Goodrich (Sr.)
LT 61 Justin Sands (Sr.)	66 John Harvey (Sr.)
LG 68 Tony Damiani (Sr.)	78 Danny Lewis (Jr.)
C 73 Greg Nicks (Sr.)	83 Justin Henry (Fr.)
RG 65 Kyle Grady (Sr.)	78 Danny Lewis (Jr.)
RT 75 Tony Coker (Jr.)	53 Skye Peterson (Jr.)
TE 88 David Hurst (Sr.)	87 Adrian Jones (Jr.)
QB 13 Zach Dyer (Jr.)	4 Bill Whittemore (Jr.)
RB 11 Reggie Duncan (Jr.)	30 Clark Green (Fr.)
FB 33 Austine Nwabuisi (So.)	28 Dan Coke (So.)

Defense (5)

DE 51 Charlie Dennis (Sr.)	58 Clarence Laws (So.)
DT 67 Travis Watkins (So.)	99 Tony Strickland (Jr.)
DT 71 Brock Teddlerton (Jr.)	90 Tim Allen (Fr.)
DE 69 David McMillan (So.)	72 Brandon Lacy (Sr.)
LB 6 Leo Etienne (Sr.)	96 Nick Clapp (Fr.)
LB 56 Greg Cole (Sr.)	38 Glenn Robinson (Jr.)
LB 5 Banks Floodman (So.)	94 Brandon Watkins (So.)
CB 3 Carl Ivey (Jr.)	23 Matt Jordan (Sr.)
CB 25 Remuise Johnson (Jr.)	23 Matt Jordan (Sr.)
SS 39 Jake Letourneau (Sr.)	20 Santana Lane (So.)
FS 12 Johnny McCoy (So.)	27 Leo Bookman (So.)

Special Teams

K 46 Johnny Beck (So.)
P 37 Curtis Ansel (Sr.)
KR 27 Leo Bookman (So.)
PR 1 Harrison Hill (Sr.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Mark Mangino 2001 Record (Big 12): 3-8 (1-7)
2002 Prediction: 6th Big 12 South Memorial Stadium (50,250)



Tim Uniphery

Harrison Hill

These days more than ever, Mangino is putting those lessons to the test as the new head football coach at Kansas, which has suffered through five straight losing seasons.

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Kansas scored just seven rushing TDs in 2001 compared to 30 by its opponents.

Mangino, though, is convinced he can start a winning trend in Lawrence. "I always wondered why Kansas wasn't any better than they were," he says. "I've talked to people that have coached in this conference for many years, and there wasn't one person I talked to that didn't believe Kansas had every reason and resource to be successful."

Mario Kinsey passed for 1,215 yards as a freshman last season, but his legal troubles led to his dismissal from the team in December.

Kinsey's replacement will either be Zach Dyer, who was the starting quarterback in



South Florida bulls

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On paper, South Florida hasn't lost much — just three games and six starters. Key players return at every skill position, including quarterback Marquel Blackwell, one of the nation's more dynamic talents.

But head coach Jim Leavitt must find replacements for two of his best defenders and three starters on the offensive line. Some play-

tem last year. Now that he has a year of experience with it, I think he can be even better."

The Bulls run a one-back set, but three players, all of comparable size and production, will be in the rotation. Leading rusher Clenton Crossley gets the starting nod. He was also the backfield's top receiver last year. Quinton Callum, a former Florida State signee, averages 1.2 yards per carry more than Crossley. Vince Brewer began last season as the starter but was slowed by a shoulder injury. The wildcard in the deck could be Georgia transfer DeJuan Green.

Blackwell's five favorite targets return, and they all averaged more than 10 yards per catch. The most productive is tall and talented Huey Whittaker, who set school records for receptions and yards. Hugh Smith, the team's fastest player, is seven inches shorter but capable of matching Whittaker's numbers. However, as a partial qualifier out of high school, Smith must graduate over the summer to regain his final year of eligibility.

The offensive line is the source of Leavitt's greatest concern. Only two starters return and one of those — left tackle Derrick Sarosi — is playing a new position.

Anchoring the line is center Alex Heron, a starter as a freshman. From there, things get a little complicated. During spring workouts the starting guards were converted defensive lineman Devon Small and freshman Chris Carothers. Levi Newton, who started three games at right guard, was getting first-team reps at right tackle.

While the offensive line is a work in progress, all four D-line starters return. Tackles Tavares Jurineack and Greg Walls do the grunt work well, while ends Shurron Pierson and Chris Daley give the Bulls a pair of prolific pass rushers. Both are superb athletes. "It's nice to have both of them back, but they need to play hard all the time," says Leavitt.

Emerson Morris will try to rebound from a broken leg but must graduate this summer to regain a year of eligibility.

Leading tackler Kawika Mitchell

moves to middle linebacker where he replaces Anthony Williams, the defense's emotional leader. A three-year starter, Mitchell is being touted as a Butkus Award candidate. Maurice Jones, an imposing physical specimen, starts on the strong side, while Courtney Davenport nailed down the weak-side job in the spring.

Only one starter returns in the secondary, but in J.R. Reed the Bulls have a stellar performer. Reed trails only Mitchell among returning tacklers, and he has a knack for making big plays. Cornerback Ron Hemingway steps into a starting role after working his way up through the ranks. On the opposite side, Kenny Robinson will step into the formidable cleats left behind by Bernard Brown. Special team standout Kevin Verpaele gets the opportunity at strong safety.

Justin Geisler and Scott Hastings battled for the placekicking duties this spring while starter Santiago Gramatica recovered from knee surgery. Punter Devin Sanderson returns, but his kicks are not returned. Last year, 23 of his punts were non-returnable; when they were brought back, those returns went for an average of only 7.0 yards.



South Florida SID

Marquel Blackwell

ers have academic concerns. Plus, the schedule has been upgraded. "If we're better, we won't win a game; we have to be exponentially better," says Leavitt. "Every year we load more and more on top of our players. At some point, they might not be able to handle it."

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South Florida enters the season with a 13-game winning streak in Raymond James Stadium. It's the fifth-longest active home winning streak in the nation.

A lot of teams could ride Blackwell's strong right arm (and legs) all the way to a bowl game. He holds nearly every USF passing record with his most productive year likely ahead of him.

When sizing up Blackwell's talent, Leavitt does not address strengths and weaknesses. "With Marquel, we're looking for greater consistency," he says. "We installed a new sys-

Depth Chart

Offense (8)

WR 15 Huey Whittaker (Jr.)	19 Bruce Gipson (So.)
WR 37 Ryan Hearn (Sr.)	1 C.J. Lewis (Fr.)
WR 2 Hugh Smith (Sr.)	16 Brian Fisher (So.)
WR 9 Chris Iskra (Jr.)	83 Marcus Edwards (Fr.)
LT 66 Derrick Sarosi (So.)	68 Frank Davis (Fr.)
LG 78 Devon Small (So.)	76 Mark Sopcik (So.)
C 71 Alex Herron (Fr.)	65 Jason Lehman (Jr.)
RG 74 Chris Carothers (Fr.)	64 Shelly Houston (Fr.)
RT 79 Levi Newton (So.)	69 Chris McBee (Fr.)
QB 10 Marquel Blackwell (Jr.)	14 Ronnie Banks (So.)
RB 28 Clenton Crossley (So.)	34 Quinton Callum (Jr.)

Defense (8)

DE 57 Chris Daley (Sr.)	46 Kenny Huebner (Fr.)
NT 94 Tavares Jurineack (Sr.)	93 Lee Roy Selmon (Jr.)
DT 8 Greg Walls (Sr.)	95 Matt Groelinger (So.)
RE 41 Shurron Pierson (Jr.)	55 Cedric Battles (Jr.)
LB 31 Courtney Davenport (Jr.)	56 Terrence Royal (Fr.)
LB 5 Kawika Mitchell (Jr.)	52 Mike Minus (Jr.)
LB 6 Maurice Jones (Jr.)	16 Jason Allen (So.)
CB 21 Maurice Tucker (Sr.)	3 Ron Hemingway (Jr.)
CB 20 Kenny Robinson (Jr.)	24 Antonio Warren (So.)
SS 17 Kevin Verpaele (Jr.)	36 John Miller (Jr.)
FS 32 J.R. Reed (Jr.)	12 Javan Camon (So.)

Special Teams

K 7 Santiago Gramatica (So.)
P 13 Devin Sanderson (Sr.)
KR 2 Hugh Smith (Sr.)
PR 4 DeAndrew Rubin (Sr.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Jim Leavitt

2001 Record: 8-3

Raymond James Stadium (41,441)



Never underestimate the Air Force Falcons. Utah learned that lesson last December, and the rest of the Mountain West Conference should take heed. Air Force may be young and rebuilding, but the Falcons are very capable. The Falcons' character was clear in a 38-37 upset win over Utah, after coach Fisher DeBerry suspended 12 players — including five starters — for violating

The Falcons' attack is dependent on the fullback, even though that's not the glamorous position. Dan Shaffer has "everything you look for in a fullback," Petersen says.

Air Force is loaded at the two halfback positions. The best runner is Leotis Palmer, who rushed for 516 yards. Anthony Butler played in every game as a freshman and averaged 5.7 yards per carry, and Darnell Stephens also showed promise.

The Falcons must replace Ryan Fleming, the best receiver in school history, but Brian LaBasco and Ricky Amezcaga have big-play ability.

Replacing offensive linemen is nothing new for Air Force. That's because the Academy does not redshirt players, and linemen need three or four years in the program to develop. Yet the line usually is one of the team's strengths. The coaches like the idea that Brett Huyser, Jesse Underbakke and Blane Neufeld are ready to play as juniors. Huyser should develop into one of AFA's best guards ever. Petersen was pleased with the pass protection allowing just seven sacks in 234 passing attempts. The only questions on the line are at center and right tackle. Wayne Southam, rounding into shape after returning last year from a two-year church mission, is a good fit at center.

While the offense should be fine, the Falcons have some work to do on defense. They ranked seventh in the Mountain West, allowing 452.7 total yards and 32 points per game.

The loss of top linemen Zach Johnson and Justin Pendry hurts. They were remarkably productive up front, ranking among the team's top five tacklers. Eric Thompson and Jon Hicks showed good signs at times.

Inside linebacker Anthony Schlegel made the most memorable defensive play of Air Force's 2001 season. He tackled Utah quarterback Lance Rice at the 4-yard line as time expired to preserve the victory. That play was typical of Schlegel's hustling effort. Bell loves the way he plays with a "sense of urgency." Marchello Graddy had a key fourth-quarter interception against Utah.

At outside linebacker, Ryan Carter could have a lot to say about the defense's

improvement. He missed all of last season with a knee injury after being scheduled to start as a sophomore. Matt McCraney is returning to form after injuring his knee in the 2000 season.

Major improvement is needed in the secondary, after the Falcons allowed a conference-high 249 passing yards per game. The return of free safety Jeff Overstreet should help; the Falcons were 4-1 before he was lost for the season with an ankle injury. Strong safety Mark Marsh started the second half of the season and is an aggressive player in the mold of Schlegel. Cornerbacks Paul Mayo, Wes Crawley and Joel Buelow make their share of big plays, but they must become more consistent.

The entire defense must improve. Opponents converted 46.6 percent of third-downs. "We just couldn't get off the field," Bell says.

Except for blocking kicks, the Falcons weren't very special on special teams. With seven blocked kicks, AFA now has 73 blocks since 1990. John Welsh punted 20 times for a 37.0 average. Joey Ashcroft should take over all of the kicking. The Falcons averaged only 18.4 yards on kickoff returns, but Palmer and Amezcaga have the speed to improve that. Palmer also averaged 9.0 yards on punt returns.



Tim Jackson

Leotis Palmer

team rules. Using "a bunch of kids we didn't even expect to get on the field," in the words of defensive coordinator Richard Bell, the Falcons held off a late Utah rally. The coaches expect that inspiring finish to carry over into 2002.

32-7

AFA is 32-7 since 1990 when the fullbacks rush for 100 or more yards in a game.

Quarterback Keith Boyea, who rushed for 1,216 yards in 2001, graduated, so the Falcons are starting over at the most important position in their option attack. In preparation for Boyea's departure, offensive coordinator Chuck Petersen made sure Chance Harridge played in meaningful situations. Harridge proved he could direct the wishbone offense by rushing for six yards per carry, but he completed only seven passes and was intercepted three times in 24 attempts. But throwing the ball isn't the Falcons' game, running the wishbone is.

Depth Chart

Offense (3)

WR	6 Brian LaBasco (Sr.)	80 Ricky Amezcaga (Sr.)
LT	61 Blane Neufeld (Jr.)	77 Brett Waller (Jr.)
LG	75 Jesse Underbakke (Jr.)	71 Jake Anderson (So.)
C	68 Wayne Southam (Sr.)	66 Steve Maddox (Jr.)
RG	63 Brett Huyser (Jr.)	69 Abe Leigh (So.)
RT	65 Scott Meyer (Sr.)	79 Richard Diehl (Jr.)
TE	86 Adam Strecker (Jr.)	94 Brian Jarret (So.)
QB	11 Chance Harridge (Jr.)	4 Travis Thurmond (Jr.)
FB	28 Dan Shaffer (Jr.)	34 Todd Leslie (Jr.)
HB	9 Leotis Palmer (Sr.)	26 Don Clark (Sr.)
HB	25 Anthony Butler (So.)	15 Darnell Stephens (So.)

Defense (7)

LT	91 Eric Thompson (Sr.)	90 Charles Bueker (Jr.)
NG	95 Nicholas Taylor (Jr.)	89 Rick Fry (So.)
RT	38 Jon Hicks (Sr.)	98 Todd Jolly (Jr.)
LB	42 Monty Coleman (Jr.)	53 Ryan Carter (So.)
LB	51 Anthony Schlegel (So.)	45 Chase West (So.)
LB	58 Marchello Graddy (Jr.)	44 Trevor Hightower (Jr.)
LB	59 Matt McCraney (Sr.)	56 Adrian Wright (Jr.)
CB	1 Paul Mayo (Sr.)	5 Charles Akinjemi (So.)
CB	8 Wes Crawley (Sr.)	21 Joel Buelow (Sr.)
SS	47 Mark Marsh (So.)	3 Adam Larson (Jr.)
FS	22 Jeff Overstreet (Jr.)	29 Larry Duncan (Jr.)

Special Teams

K	97 Joey Ashcroft (Jr.)
P	16 John Welsh (Sr.)
KR	9 Leotis Palmer (Sr.)
PR	9 Leotis Palmer (Sr.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Fisher DeBerry
2002 Prediction: 6th MWC

2001 Record (MWC): 6-6 (3-4)
Falcon Stadium (52,480)



Kentucky wildcats

NATIONAL
80
RANKING

LSU won the Southeastern Conference football title last year. The Tigers huffed and puffed to a touchdown in the final minute to subdue Kentucky. Tennessee won the East Division of SEC. The Vols trailed the Wildcats by three touchdowns before rallying to kick a game-winning field goal in the final three minutes.

Dangerous against the SEC's best teams,

sive surge. The hefty lefty (275 pounds, 6'4") lost his job after a season-opening loss against Louisville, but he regained it by nearly leading a rally for an upset against LSU. Lorenzen can make all the throws: the short ball with touch; the intermediate ball with precision; and the deep ball with sizzle.

Boyd gives Morriss several options. He can throw and run well enough that Morriss won't hesitate to make Boyd the starter if Lorenzen does not control his weight.

Morriss is determined to put more run and less decoy in the running game. What Morriss needs, however, is more runners. His only quality tailback is Artose Pinner, who led the team with 441 yards last season. Convinced he will be carrying the ball at least 20 times a game, Pinner rebuilt his body during the winter, giving up fast food for vegetables and adding 10 pounds of muscle.

Depth is a problem for the Wildcats at every position except in the receiving corps. Morriss has at least six guys to rotate into the three wide receiver slots. Dependable and elusive, Derek Abney was Lorenzen's most reliable target last season. Tommy Cook, who finished strongly, will serve as the

deep threat. Aaron Boone, who scored two TD passes against Georgia, caught most of his 18 passes in the second half of the season. Tiny Ernest Simms can serve as a deep threat if he can stay healthy.

Morriss believes that his front five, led by right tackle Antonio Hall and right guard Keith Chatelain, his only senior blocker, will be more than adequate. But the Wildcats cannot afford injuries.

If receiver is UK's deepest position, the defensive line is Kentucky's strongest spot. Morriss has three proven run stoppers — Dwayne Robertson, Jeremy Caudill and Ellery Moore — at defensive tackle. After Dennis Johnson decided to skip his senior year for the NFL, Morriss has his own decision to make: Should he move one of the tackles — probably Moore — to defensive end?

"They're all tough kids," Morriss says. "We can't block them one-on-one and not many other teams can either."

Otis Grigsby and Vincent "Sweet Pea" Burns, a transfer from Northern Arizona, provide the speed Morriss likes at defensive end.

Depth and experience are problems at linebacker. On the bright side, Morriss only needs two guys to deliver. The coach hopes one is Ronnie Riley, his most dependable open-field tackler. Morris Lane gets first call at the other spot, but at 210 pounds he is a featherweight for an SEC linebacker.

In Kentucky's unusual defensive alignment, defensive coordinator John Goodner employs two outside safeties, a free safety and two cover guys at cornerback. Nowhere in its lineup does Kentucky have more experience than at defensive back. David Johnson, Quentus Cumby and Derrick Tatum have all played three seasons and Leonard Burrell has played two. "With guys who have been through the league as much as these guys, I'm hoping we can have fewer breakdowns and create more turnovers," Morriss says.

Morriss doesn't have anybody who has even attempted a field goal in a game. Clint Ruth has the strongest leg. Punter Glenn Pakulak led the SEC and ranked sixth nationally with a 44.5-yard average.



Tim Clark/Atlanta Sports

Jared Lorenzen

the Wildcats still finished 2-9. Few expect more than three or four victories this season.

"Last year we proved we could put teams on the ropes," UK coach Guy Morriss says. "This year we have to prove we can deliver the knockout."

272

Jared Lorenzen averaged 272 passing yards per game last season. He also carries 272 pounds — or more — at times. Coach Guy Morriss would like to see him bump the passing average up to 300 and cut the weight down to 260 — or less.

It took Morriss seven games to figure out which quarterback gave Kentucky the best chance of winning last season, but once he replaced the elusive Shane Boyd with the laser arm of Jared Lorenzen, the Wildcats averaged 29.8 points in their last five games.

Credit Lorenzen for the late-season offen-

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

TE 11 Chase Harp (Sr.)	84 Jeremiah Drobney (Fr.)
LT 61 Matt Huff (So.)	74 Jeremy Darveau (Fr.)
LG 70 Jason Rollins (So.)	66 Brandon Lesniewski (So.)
C 78 Nick Seitze (Jr.)	69 Andy Stivers (Fr.)
RG 65 Keith Chatelain (Sr.)	75 Sylvester Miller (Jr.)
RT 73 Antonio Hall (Jr.)	79 Daniel Burnett (So.)
QB 22 Jared Lorenzen (Jr.)	7 Shane Boyd (So.)
TB 20 Artose Pinner (Sr.)	25 Alexis Bwenge (Fr.)
WR 12 Derek Abney (Jr.)	83 Gerard Parker (So.)
WR 17 Tommy Cook (So.)	82 Chris Bernard (Jr.)
WR 3 Ernest Simms (Sr.)	13 Aaron Boone (Sr.)

Defense (4)

DE 18 Otis Grigsby (Sr.)	64 Deion Holts (Fr.)
DT 63 Dwayne Robertson (Jr.)	46 John Robinson (Sr.)
DT 68 Jeremy Caudill (Jr.)	99 Ellery Moore (So.)
DE 98 Vincent Burns (So.)	50 Raymond Fontaine (Fr.)
LB 8 Ronnie Riley (Sr.)	59 Dustin Williams (Fr.)
LB 26 Morris Lane (Sr.)	52 Justin Haydock (So.)
OS 6 David Johnson (Sr.)	34 Adetayo Agbake (Sr.)
OS 1 Mike Williams (Sr.)	31 Claude Sagaille (So.)
CB 27 Leonard Burrell (Jr.)	32 Earven Flowers (So.)
CB 21 Derrick Tatum (Sr.)	36 Antoine Huffman (Fr.)
FS 2 Quentus Cumby (Sr.)	42 Muhammad Abdullah (Fr.)

Special Teams

K 95 Clint Ruth (So.)
P 49 Glenn Pakulak (Sr.)
KR 12 Derek Abney (Jr.)
PR 12 Derek Abney (Jr.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Guy Morriss	2001 Record (SEC): 2-9 (1-7)
2002 Prediction: 5th SEC East	Commonwealth Stadium (67,530)



Northwestern wildcats

NATIONAL
81
RANKING

Coach Randy Walker is finally ready to leave his mark on a program that fell from Big Ten co-champions in 2000 to 4-7 last year. With a roster of his own recruits, the pieces he wants are in place. But gone are the two players Northwestern relied on the most the last two years, quarterback Zak Kustok and running back Damien Anderson.

"I knew this day was coming and I prepared

Kevin Lawrence, who averaged 5.1 yards per carry as Anderson's backup, was set to inherit the job. But he injured his knee late last season and sat out all of spring practice. That opened the door for a half-dozen others, led by Torri Stuckey, Jason Wright, Noah Herron and Jeff Backes. Stuckey rushed for 127 yards against Illinois in the season finale and was impressive this spring. Backes has perhaps the most talent and also played well this spring.

With all the talent at wide receiver, coaches will be challenged to find ways to get them the ball. "We'll make some changes and we'll evolve," Walker says. Kunle Patrick and Jon Schweighardt are among the eight returners. Both are small but are reliable and put up impressive numbers. Providing height will be Notre Dame transfer Jovan Witherspoon, Roger Jordan and Ashton Aikens. Ronnie Foster also likely will be a key part of the unit. Jonathan Fields looked good during the spring. The unit that has Walker most excited is tight end. Walker says he plans to make good use of Eric Worley, Trai Essex and Joe Wohlscheid in the spread offense.

The line returns All-American candidates Austin King at center and Jeff Roehl at guard. King is a three-year starter, and Roehl, a transfer from Notre Dame, has started all 23 games he has played at Northwestern.

Carl Matejka backed up King last year and likely will move to tackle. Matt Ulrich has been groomed for a guard spot and Bill Newton, Ikechuku Ndukwe and Derek Martinez will compete for the fifth spot.

Walker knew he had to do something to shore up a defense that allowed more than 200 yards rushing per game. So he hired new defensive coordinator Greg Colby and focused this unit on stopping the run. The line will be young but talented with no seniors on the two-deep and several sophomores who played last year.

Colby Clark received national recognition for his play as a redshirt freshman last year, and sophomores Thomas Derricks and Luis Castillo both played some as well.

Junior Matt Anderson returns from a season-ending injury last year to join classmates Ray Bogenrief and George Woods. Ends Demaris Wilson and Greg Lutzen

will compete for playing time.

The Wildcats have some key players to replace at linebacker. Taking over Billy Silva's spot is Pat Durr, who topped 100 tackles last year and proved he can be the leader of this group from his new position in the middle.

John Pickens, Doug Szymul, Eric VanderHorst and Braden Jones return to compete for time. Joining them will be converted fullback Dan Pohlman, who made one start at linebacker, and former H-back Vincent Cartaya.

Walker says he will stick with a 4-3 base defense but might move a linebacker up as a fifth lineman in certain run situations.

Two-year starter Raheem Covington leads a young but talented secondary. Dominique Price and Herschel Henderson both saw action last year, and Price started four of the last five games. Marvin Ward, Jarvis Adams, Brandon Evans, Frederic Tarver and Sundi Brewer-Griffin will all compete for spots. Mark Roush earned the starting free safety job this spring.

David Wasielewski, who averaged 40-plus yards per punt at Florida in '98, likely will take over the punting duties along with placekicking, where Brian Huffman also returns. Aikens and Patrick are available for return duties.

Depth Chart

Offense (4)

WR 9 Jovan Witherspoon (Jr.)	4 Roger Jordan (Jr.)
WR 85 Ronnie Foster (Jr.)	2 Ashton Aikens (So.)
WR 6 Jon Schweighardt (Sr.)	80 Kunle Patrick (Jr.)
LT 77 Carl Matejka (Jr.)	74 Derek Martinez (Jr.)
LG 64 Matt Ulrich (So.)	57 Scott Crohn (So.)
C 62 Austin King (Sr.)	66 Steve Natali (So.)
RG 73 Jeff Roehl (Sr.)	54 Don Baskin (So.)
RT 65 Bill Newton (So.)	63 Zach Strief (Fr.)
TE 86 Joe Wohlscheid (Fr.)	87 Trai Essex (So.)
QB 11 Tony Stauss (So.)	19 Matt Danielson (Jr.)
RB 29 Torri Stuckey (Jr.)	18 Jason Wright (Jr.)

Defense (6)

DE 7 Ray Bogenrief (Jr.)	92 David Thompson (Fr.)
DT 97 Colby Clark (So.)	58 Matt Anderson (Jr.)
DT 70 Thomas Derricks (So.)	94 Luis Castillo (So.)
DE 95 Demaris Wilson (Fr.)	96 Greg Lutzen (Fr.)
LB 51 John Pickens (So.)	49 Doug Szymul (Jr.)
LB 3 Pat Durr (Sr.)	5 Vincent Cartaya (Sr.)
LB 46 Eric VanderHorst (Fr.)	45 Braden Jones (Fr.)
CB 27 Raheem Covington (Sr.)	21 Brandon Evans (Jr.)
CB 31 Marvin Ward (So.)	24 Herschel Henderson (So.)
FS 35 Mark Roush (Jr.)	25 Frederic Tarver (Fr.)
SS 23 Jarvis Adams (So.)	8 Dominique Price (So.)

Special Teams

K 39 David Wasielewski (Sr.)
P 39 David Wasielewski (Sr.)
KR 2 Ashton Aikens (So.)
PR 80 Kunle Patrick (Jr.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Randy Walker 2001 Record (Big Ten): 4-7 (2-6)
2002 Prediction: 10th Big Ten Ryan Field (47,130)



Ric Fogel

Kunle Patrick

myself for it the last two years," Walker says. "I think we have some good players in place. Hopefully they've learned their lessons sitting in the wings and it's their turn to step up."

4.1

Northwestern averaged 4.1 yards per rush in 2001, a full yard lower than its 5.1 average in 2000.

Tony Stauss was just about the only Wildcats player happy to show up to spring practice and not see Kustok taking snaps.

"Coming back it feels great to get a shot to compete for the starting job," says Stauss, Kustok's strong-armed backup last year. More than just providing leadership, Stauss will have to find a way to make up for Kustok's 3,272 yards of total offense last year. He has shown flashes of brilliance, but he has been too inconsistent.

Should Stauss stumble, Matt Danielson and Brett Basanez will be there to take the job.



Vanderbilt commodores

NATIONAL
82
RANKING

It's a bit of a stretch to say Bobby Johnson dreamed one day of coaching football at Vanderbilt University. But Johnson, who spent eight years as the head coach at Division I-AA power Furman, admits he has always been intrigued by the situation at Vanderbilt.

"Vanderbilt was always one (school) that I thought I would look into," he says. "And when it did come about and they contacted

improvements to a defense which finished last in the SEC a year ago.

The new coaching staff had just two scholarship quarterbacks to work with during spring practice and neither player, junior Benji Walker nor redshirt freshman Jay Cutler, has taken a meaningful snap at the collegiate level.

Walker took more of the first-team snaps during the spring, but Johnson isn't likely to name a starter until just before the season-opener at Georgia Tech.

Tailback Norval McKenzie, the leading returning rusher with just 13 carries for 80 yards, emerged from spring with a slight edge over Ronald Hatcher, who moved back to running back after spending the 2001 season at receiver.

Dan Stricker finished third in the SEC in receiving yards (1,079) in 2001 and became just the third receiver in Vanderbilt history to top the 1,000-yard mark. Stricker's health is a bit of a concern for the Commodores; he had surgery in April to repair a dislocated shoulder and is not expected to be able to catch balls until the beginning of August, at the earliest.

M.J. Garrett (27 catches, 455 yards) enters preseason camp atop the depth chart at the other receiver spot. Garrett has excellent hands and good size but has trouble getting open downfield against some of the top secondaries in the SEC.

The line could be the problem area on offense. Vanderbilt returns three quality starters — center Jamie Byrum, left guard Jim May and left tackle Justin Geisinger — but the staff is scrambling to fill out the right side of the line and establish some depth.

Johnson has switched to a 4-3 scheme from the 3-4 defense the Commodores had run during the final two years of the Woody Widenhofer era and was pleasantly surprised with both the quantity and quality of the returning linemen.

Tackle Brett Beard missed most of spring with an injured foot, but the junior can expect to win back his starting spot during preseason camp. With Beard on the sidelines, sophomore Robert Dinwiddie and redshirt freshman Trey Holloway ran with the first team during the spring. Dinwiddie, however, may not be available

until mid-season after tearing the ACL in his left knee during the spring game.

Johnson has been impressed with Chuck Losey, a fifth-year senior end who has made 22 starts in his career. Jovan Haye, a talented redshirt freshman who worked with the linebackers last fall, has been moved to rush end.

Hunter Hillenmeyer was moved from strong-side linebacker to the middle during spring practice to open up a spot for talented but oft-troubled Brandon Walthour, who has been kicked off the team two times during his career. Redshirt freshman Moses Osemwegie enjoyed an outstanding spring and is atop the depth chart on the weak side.

The four projected starters in the secondary have combined to start 57 games over the past three years. Cornerback Rushen Jones, entering his fourth year as a starter, is a legitimate first-team All-SEC candidate. Fellow fifth-year senior Aaron McWhorter is the other corner, while the safety positions will be handled by Jonathan Shaub and Justin Giboney.

The kicking game is one of Johnson's top concerns heading into the 2002 season. Vanderbilt will most likely hand over both place-kicking and punting duties to true freshmen.



Tim Clark/Athlon Sports

Dan Stricker

me, I looked into it and the more I looked into it the more more I wanted to say, 'Yes, I can do this.'"

Johnson is well aware of Vanderbilt's enormous struggles on the football field, but he believes the timing is right to finally turn around the Commodores' fortunes. "With the support of (the chancellor and athletic director) and from the Board of Trust, this is the time to be successful at Vanderbilt," he says.

742

Dan Stricker has 2,260 receiving yards in his three-year career and needs 742 in 2002 to become the SEC's all-time leading receiver.

Success, if it does occur during the Johnson era, isn't likely to come in 2002. Vanderbilt has little experience at quarterback and tailback, has serious depth concerns on the offensive line and must make drastic

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

WR 85 Dan Stricker (Sr.)	80 Brandon Smith (So.)
WR 24 M.J. Garrett (Sr.)	88 Keith Williams (Fr.)
LT 71 Justin Geisinger (So.)	62 Ryan King (Fr.)
LG 72 Jim May (Sr.)	67 Greg Robson (So.)
C 55 Jamie Byrum (Sr.)	58 Jason Tant (Jr.)
RG 74 Jordan Pettit (Jr.)	76 Brian Kovalisky (So.)
RT 70 Kenan Arkan (So.)	63 Nigel Seaman (Fr.)
TE 84 Tom Simone (Sr.)	81 Nick Getter (Jr.)
QB 3 Benji Walker (Jr.)	17 Jay Cutler (Fr.)
TB 9 Norval McKenzie (So.)	21 Ronald Hatcher (Jr.)
FB 34 Mike Adam (Sr.)	33 Matthew Tant (Fr.)

Defense (7)

DE 52 Jovan Haye (Fr.)	50 Librin Telusca (Jr.)
NT 92 Brett Beard (Jr.)	99 Matt Clay (So.)
DT 77 Trey Holloway (Fr.)	69 Aaron Carter (So.)
DE 54 Chuck Losey (Sr.)	56 Ryan Nungesser (Sr.)
LB 38 Moses Osemwegie (Fr.)	42 Marty Morgan (Fr.)
LB 47 Hunter Hillenmeyer (Sr.)	44 Pat Brunner (So.)
LB 22 Brandon Walthour (Sr.)	90 Doug Wolford (Jr.)
CB 5 Aaron McWhorter (Sr.)	28 Cheron Thompson (Fr.)
CB 11 Rushen Jones (Sr.)	26 Dominique Morris (Fr.)
FS 13 Jonathan Shaub (Jr.)	32 Nick Lyle (So.)
SS 14 Justin Giboney (Sr.)	7 Mike Martin (Sr.)

Special Teams

K	Patrick Johnson (Fr.)
P	Greg Johnson (Fr.)
KR	21 Ronald Hatcher (Jr.)
PR	21 Ronald Hatcher (Jr.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Bobby Johnson
2002 Prediction: 6th SEC East

2001 Record (SEC): 2-9 (0-8)
Vanderbilt Stadium (41,448)



California golden bears

NATIONAL
83
RANKING

Jeff Tedford quickly discovered the biggest weakness in the Cal football program. "We need to find more speed," Tedford said after watching some film of the 2001 Bears, which stumbled through a 1-10 season.

Speed can be recruited; in the interim Tedford, who left his post as Oregon's offensive coordinator to take over a Cal program which

on his fundamentals, and if he does that, I believe he is going to have a very good season."

Tedford took a long look at backups Reggie Robertson, a sophomore, and redshirt freshman Richard Schwartz during spring drills, but Boller came out of the competition as the clear No. 1.

Joe Igber is the proven commodity among a logjam of running backs, but he missed spring ball while still recovering from a fractured clavicle suffered during the 2001 season. Although Igber is the No. 7 rusher all-time at Cal, he will have to fight for a starting spot in summer camp.

Adimchinobe Echemandu (formerly Joe Echema) was enjoying an outstanding spring, but his availability for the 2002 season is now in doubt after he tore the ACL and MCL in his right knee in a late-spring practice. Sophomore Terrell Williams, who started five games in 2001 due to Igber's injury and rushed for 688 yards, is expected to be a more significant contributor this fall.

Receiver Geoff McArthur returns after missing the majority of the 2001 season with a torn triceps. McArthur showed promise his freshman season in 2000 with 20

catches for 336 yards and was expected to be Cal's top wide receiver in 2001. At the other starting wide receiver position will be LaShaun Ward, who switched from cornerback late last season. In just five games on offense, Ward caught 18 passes for 416 yards, and four of those catches went for touchdowns.

Once again, it appears Cal might struggle along the offensive line. The left side should be solid as returning starters Mark Wilson and Scott Tercero hold down the left tackle and guard spots. Wilson, a junior, moves over from his right tackle spot while Tercero, last season's starting right guard, makes a similar move.

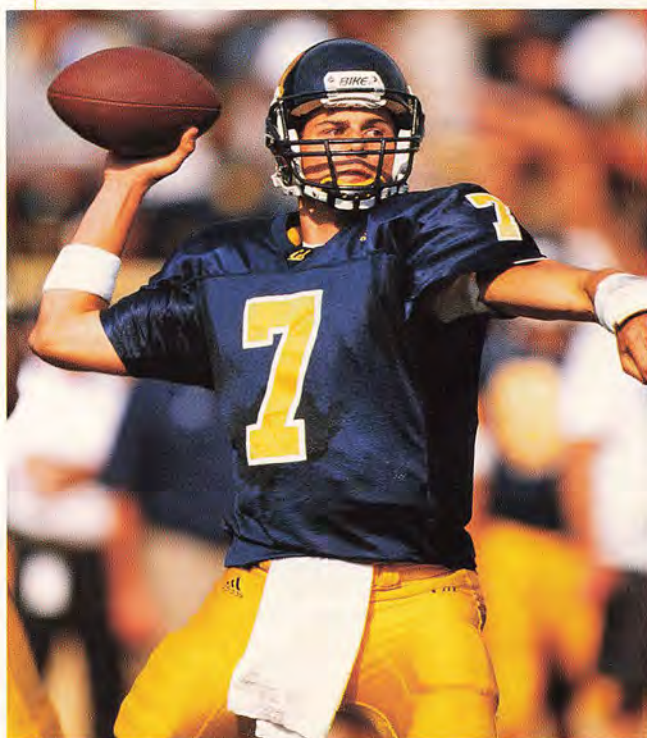
Defensive end Tully Banta-Cain was injured in summer camp last season and got off to a miserable start. However, by the end of the season he had the look of an all-conference player. He finished with 17 tackles for a loss and was very productive during spring ball. Inside, the Bears are

solid with Daniel Nwangwu (eight starts in 2001) and Lorenzo Alexander (five starts).

The linebacking corps is solid if unspectacular. Tedford's task is to find some playmakers. John Klotsche was the team's leading tackler (71) and he should earn a starting spot. Matt Nixon (53 tackles) has starting experience inside. However, Cal's success might be determined by Tedford's ability to get more speed into his linebacker corps.

Free safety Nnamdi Asomugha is perhaps the Bears' best defensive player and probably an all-conference selection should Cal experience any success. Strong safety also should be solid with the return of part-time starter Bert Watts. Starting cornerbacks Atari Callen and James Bethea return but were passed by in the spring by Jemeel Powell and Ray Carmel. All four of those cornerbacks had their troubles last season and it will be up to new secondary coach J.D. Williams — the former Buffalo Bill who made the move from Fresno State — to turn the group around.

The placekicking will be handled by returning starter Mark-Christian Jensen, who was 11-of-14 last season. Junior Tyler Fredrickson averaged 39.5 yards per punt in 2001.



Ric Fogel

Kyle Boller

has won just 16 games in the past five seasons, is focussed on improving his team's mental toughness. "The work ethic is good, but we need to push ourselves harder," Tedford said in the spring. "We have to learn to overcome adversity."

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The Cal depth chart currently shows 17 senior starters. If experience counts, the Bears should be better.

The pressure will be on senior quarterback Kyle Boller to have a breakthrough season. With no running game to take the pressure off, Boller has served as an arcade game prize, bobbing up and down until some lucky defensive lineman could flatten him. About the only positive to be taken from Boller's previous three seasons is that he still has his teeth.

"He is something special," Tedford says. "He's got all the tools. He needs to be focused

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

WR 8 LaShaun Ward (Sr.)	10 Chad Heydorff (Sr.)
WR 6 Geoff McArthur (Jr.)	81 Chase Lyman (Jr.)
LT 63 Mark Wilson (Jr.)	61 Ryan O'Callaghan (Fr.)
LG 64 Scott Tercero (Sr.)	93 Jonathan Giesel (So.)
C 69 Ryan Jones (Sr.)	74 Nolan Bluntzer (Jr.)
RG 70 David Hays (Jr.)	77 Derek Deutsch (Jr.)
RT 78 Chris Murphy (Jr.)	76 Keith Ornelas (Fr.)
TE 82 Tom Swoboda (Sr.)	49 Jordan Hunter (So.)
QB 7 Kyle Boller (Sr.)	17 Reggie Robertson (So.)
TB 30 Joe Igber (Sr.)	9 Terrell Williams (So.)
FB 41 Ryan Stanger (Sr.)	34 Pana Faumuina (So.)

Defense (7)

DE 48 Tully Banta-Cain (Sr.)	94 Tosh Lupoi (So.)
DT 76 Lorenzo Alexander (So.)	72 Tom Sverchek (So.)
DT 92 Daniel Nwangwu (Sr.)	57 Josh Beckham (Jr.)
DE 90 Josh Gustavson (Sr.)	44 Tom Canada (Sr.)
LB 56 John Klotsche (Sr.)	50 Marcus Daniels (Sr.)
LB 47 Matt Nixon (Sr.)	40 Wendell Hunter (So.)
LB 33 Paul Ugenti (Sr.)	13 Calvin Hosey (Sr.)
CB 1 Jemeel Powell (Sr.)	5 Atari Callen (Jr.)
CB 6 Ray Carmel (Sr.)	20 James Bethea (Jr.)
FS 2 Nnamdi Asomugha (Sr.)	26 Jeremy Drake (Jr.)
SS 19 Bert Watts (Sr.)	22 James Smith (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 14 Mark-Christian Jensen (Sr.)
P 16 Tyler Fredrickson (Jr.)
KR 5 Atari Callen (Jr.)
PR 28 Michael Sparks (So.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Jeff Tedford 2001 Record (Pac-10): 1-10 (0-8)
2002 Prediction: 10th Pac-10 Memorial Stadium (75,028)



Temple Owls

NATIONAL
84
RANKING

Temple coach Bobby Wallace is no kid. He'll turn 48 during the upcoming season. He's been in coaching since 1973 and his résumé shows stops at seven different schools. As a head coach, he went 41-1 over a three-year period and won Division II Championships all three years at North Alabama.

Yet for all that experience, Wallace is not afraid to try something new. Temple will use

and took a redshirt season last year. McGann emerged as the winner in the spring. He's a 6'6", 210-pounder who can throw, and the Owls hope a year's experience shows a little in 2002.

The running game could be a strength for Temple in 2002. Tanardo Sharps was one of the Big East's best as a sophomore in 2000 when he rushed for 1,038 yards. He fell off to 771 yards and one score last season, but he also carried 51 fewer times. Makonnen Fenton led the Big East in kickoff returns, and Temple wants the ball in his hands more, too.

There's a bunch of receivers and there could be a bunch on the field at the same time. Sean Dillard is proven. He was second-team All-Big East last season, when he caught 51 passes for 747 yards and three touchdowns. Zamir Cobb was the Owls' No. 2 receiver last season with 19 catches even though injuries limited him to five games. Throw in Ikey Chuku and Terrence Stubbs, who are expected to return from injuries, and Temple has its deepest receiving corps in years.

Everybody's back on the offensive line, which is the old good news/bad news deal since the Owls gave up 37 sacks. It's good if they learned something.

The tackles will be Dave Yovanovits and Damian Hendricks. Yovanovits, a three-year starter who has played every snap in 30 of his 33 career games, played through a leg injury last fall. The guards will be Anthony Bolden (nine starts in '01) and Joe Laudano, who has put on over 30 pounds since arriving at Temple. Donny Klein is expected to be the center, but he missed most of the spring while recovering from off-season shoulder surgery.

Temple's best player, and one of the league's best players, lives on the defensive line, although he is moving one door down. The Owls are taking senior Dan Klecko, son of former NFL star Joe Klecko, and moving him from tackle to end. It's probably not that big a deal for the 6'1", 276-pounder, who managed 6.5 sacks and 19.5 tackles for a loss last season.

Klecko's pal, fellow senior Robert Sack,

will be one tackle. Taso Apostolidis will be the other tackle and J.D. Stanley will be the other end. Neither played much last season.

Troy Bennett and J.D. Nichols return at weak-side and strong-side linebacker, respectively. Both have some experience. Nichols started six times after transferring from Phoenix (Ariz.) College. He was in on 32 tackles. Bennett started twice and finished the season with 29 stops and one interception. Jairo Almonte, the Owl back — a safety/outside linebacker hybrid — won the team's most valuable newcomer award last season after his transfer from SUNY-Canton.

Lafton Thompson takes a streak of 22 consecutive starts at strong safety into the season. He had a pair of interceptions in 2001. Cornerback Terrance Leftwich had three interceptions in 2001 and has seven for his career. Yazid Jackson will man the other corner. He played in every game last season. He's also listed as the backup free safety behind senior Jamal Wallace, who like Thompson has a streak of 22 straight starts.

Cap Poklemba returns for his senior season as Temple's kicker. He's missed only once in 61 career extra point attempts.

Depth Chart

Offense (9)

WR 27 Zamir Cobb (Sr.)	12 Ikey Chuku (Jr.)
WR 2 Sean Dillard (Sr.)	22 Donnie Coleman (Jr.)
WR*80 Terrence Stubbs (Jr.)	14 Krishan Lewis (Sr.)
LT 79 Dave Yovanovits (Sr.)	78 John Gross (Fr.)
LG 65 Joe Laudano (Jr.)	75 Jose Portillo (Jr.)
C 56 Donny Klein (Sr.)	75 Jose Portillo (Jr.)
RG 66 Anthony Bolden (Sr.)	75 Jose Portillo (Jr.)
RT 69 Damian Hendricks (Sr.)	67 Yohance Perry (Fr.)
TE 84 Eric Carpenter (So.)	13 Dan Bosnic (So.)
A-B 34 Makonnen Fenton (Jr.)	28 Lawrence Wade (So.)
QB 16 Mike McGann (So.)	10 Mike Frost (Sr.)
SB 4 Tanardo Sharps (Sr.)	20 Lester Trammer (Sr.)

Defense (7)

RE 73 Dan Klecko (Sr.)	59 Arlan Johnson (Jr.)
NT 95 Robert Sack (Sr.)	90 Dominique Veney (Jr.)
DT 93 Taso Apostolidis (Jr.)	72 David Terry (Sr.)
DE 54 J.D. Stanley (Jr.)	91 Rodney Wormley (Fr.)
LB 33 J.D. Nichols (Sr.)	5 Rian Wallace (Fr.)
LB 44 Troy Bennett (Jr.)	37 Terrence Belvin (Sr.)
Owl 1 Jairo Almonte (Sr.)	7 Joel Gray (So.)
CB 24 Terrance Leftwich (Sr.)	36 Delonne Wilbourn (Fr.)
CB 42 Yazid Jackson (Jr.)	29 David Reese (Fr.)
FS 9 Jamal Wallace (Sr.)	42 Yazid Jackson (Jr.)
SS 8 Lafton Thompson (Sr.)	19 Gerard Bishop (Sr.)

Special Teams

K 99 Cap Poklemba (Sr.)
P 49 Garvin Ringwelski (Jr.)
KR 34 Makonnen Fenton (Jr.)
PR 2 Sean Dillard (Sr.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters

BOLD Indicates returning starters

*The 12 offensive positions represent Temple's multiple formations.

Head Coach: Bobby Wallace	2001 Record (Big East): 4-7 (2-5)
2002 Prediction: 7th Big East	Veterans Stadium (66,592)



Al Koolstra

Sean Dillard

a spread offense this season, trying to take advantage of a plethora of receivers and some skill at running back. The Owls have nine starters back on offense.

267

Tanardo Sharps' rushing total in 2001 fell by 267 yards after his 1,038-yard sophomore season in 2000.

Quarterback was a revolving door last season. Mike McGann and Mac DeVito each threw more than 100 passes; McGann threw for 319 more yards but his percentage was worse and he threw nine interceptions to only three touchdowns (DeVito had seven TDs and three INTs). Well, DeVito is out of eligibility, so McGann was left to battle with fellow sophomore Collin Hannigan and senior Mike Frost in the spring.

Hannigan made brief appearances in three games last season. Frost started some in 2000

Indiana hoosiers

NATIONAL
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 RANKING

Most Big Ten teams spend the off-season reloading or rebuilding, but in Bloomington, the squad is simply under construction. The Hoosiers brought in Gerry DiNardo as the new foreman, and his plan is to start on the ground floor by restoring IU's ability to recruit in-state.

"Our mission statement is that we're the state institution, and with that comes an

experience there," DiNardo says. "But I'd rather have a lack of experience with maturity than a lack of experience and immaturity."

Indiana's most stable area by a long shot is the offensive backfield. Fullback Jeremi Johnson is among the Big Ten's best with his huge frame, nifty feet and ability to catch passes out of the backfield. Tailback Brian Lewis gets the luxury of running behind Johnson in his first year as the Hoosiers' starter.

DiNardo's version of the West Coast offense features the tight end, and it's a good thing that it does. The Hoosiers have a pair of talented pass catchers in tight ends Aaron Halterman and Stephen Anthony. Halterman should be the starter and has the softest hands on the team.

Indiana does get its top wide receiver back in Glenn Johnson, but he caught only 21 passes 2001. Johnson's seven starts were tops on the team as the split end position was a revolving door.

Sophomores Travis Haney and Courtney Roby both saw time in the starting lineup. Roby should have the edge with his leaping ability and knack of coming down with the ball in traffic.

The strength of the Hoosier offense was supposed to be in the trenches. Indiana

returned four starters from a strong unit in 2001, but they're finding out that DiNardo's expectations are considerably higher. "We are not Big Ten-strong, and we are not Big Ten-conditioned, by any means," DiNardo said in the spring.

A lack of conditioning and the change to a more physical blocking scheme led to multiple changes throughout the spring. However, Indiana still has the horses to be successful up front. Guards Enoch DeMar and Anthony Oakley and tackles A.C. Myler and Bobby Brandt started every game in 2001 and helped pace the Big Ten's best rushing attack.

The defensive line was one of the bright spots in the spring. Tackles Colin Christopher and Kris Dielman consistently collapsed the pocket in practices and appear worthy of forcing double-teams. That should open up defensive ends Jodie Clemons, Derek Barnett and Victor Adeyanju to pressure the passer.

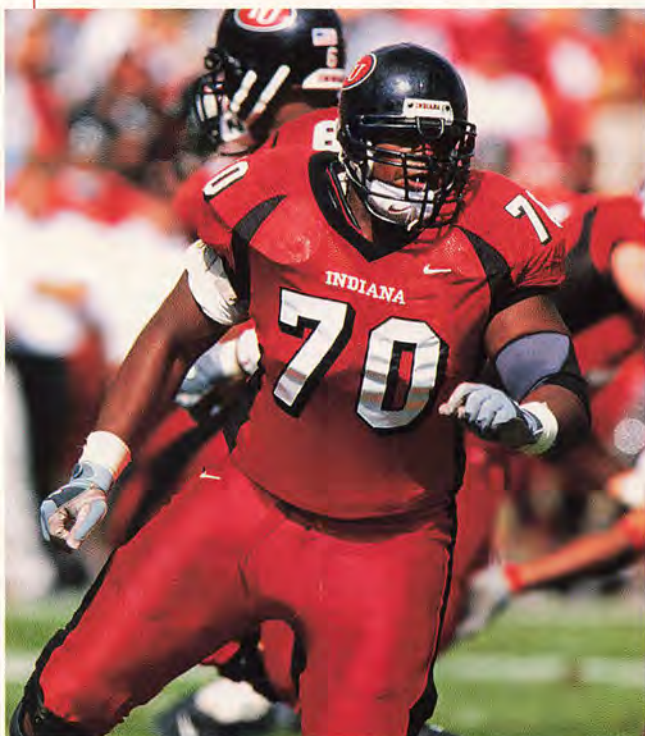
Opposing teams are salivating about the opportunity to run the ball at Indiana's undersized linebacking corps. The Hoosiers must limit the number of times opponents are able to isolate linemen on their linebackers or IU will struggle against physical teams.

Fortunately, the recent trend toward spread offenses favors the type of talent Indiana possesses. Herana-Daze Jones, Deonte Smith and Kevin Smith can cover tight ends and running backs all over the field, but aren't going to overpower blockers. Inside linebacker Martin Lapostolle excels in short-yardage situations.

The Hoosier secondary received an overhaul with DiNardo's arrival. Strong safety Joe Gonzalez is the only fixture, but his new comrades give Indiana more pure talent than it's had defending the pass recently.

Gonzalez teams with free safety A.C. Carter in the middle. Cornerbacks Antonio Watson and Damien Jones are solid in man-to-man coverage and give Indiana playmakers on the perimeter.

Indiana excelled in punt and kick coverage in 2001, but converted only 22 percent of its field goal attempts and averaged just over 30 yards per punt.



Joe Robbins

Enoch DeMar

obligation to service (the state high schools)," DiNardo says. "This isn't just about recruiting, but obviously we're going to recruit the best players in the state."

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Indiana will have 115 years of collegiate coaching experience on the sideline. Gerry DiNardo has assembled a battle-tested staff with a winning track record.

Indiana lost its heart and soul when Antwaan Randle El graduated. He was at the helm of the Hoosier offense for nearly every snap of the last four years. The two front-runners for the job are seniors Tommy Jones and Gibran Hamdan. Jones has started just one game, despite being hailed as IU's quarterback of the future, but that's one more start than Hamdan.

"We all know that we don't have a lot of

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

WR 9 Glenn Johnson (Jr.)	80 Travis Haney (So.)
WR 19 Courtney Roby (So.)	12 David Lewis (So.)
LT 71 Bobby Brandt (Sr.)	77 Jacob Wagner (So.)
LG 70 Enoch DeMar (Sr.)	55 Jamarkus Gorman (Sr.)
C 72 Chris Jahnke (So.)	73 Brandon Hatcher (Fr.)
RG 61 Anthony Oakley (Jr.)	52 Beau Schwegman (So.)
RT 62 A.C. Myler (Sr.)	78 Clay Stuart (So.)
TE 87 Aaron Halterman (So.)	85 Stephen Anthony (Sr.)
QB 14 Tommy Jones (Sr.)	17 Gibran Hamdan (Sr.)
TB 3 Brian Lewis (Jr.)	33 Yamar Washington (Fr.)
FB 1 Jeremi Johnson (Sr.)	5 Jason Sullivan (Fr.)

Defense (5)

DE 56 Jodie Clemons (So.)	94 Victor Adeyanju (Fr.)
DT 83 Kris Dielman (Sr.)	58 Courtney Young (Sr.)
NT 50 Colin Christopher (Jr.)	96 Chris Beaty (Fr.)
DE 99 Derek Barnett (Sr.)	93 John Lumpkin (So.)
LB 15 Ron Bethel (Sr.)	48 Kevin Smith (So.)
LB 31 Deonte Smith (So.)	97 Martin Lapostolle (So.)
LB 21 Herana-Daze Jones (So.)	49 Jason Cartwright (So.)
CB 6 Damien Jones (Fr.)	42 Duane Stone (Jr.)
CB 2 Antonio Watson (Sr.)	26 Leonard Bryant (Fr.)
SS 25 Joe Gonzalez (Sr.)	24 Will Lumpkin (So.)
FS 23 A.C. Carter (Sr.)	8 Buster Larkins (Fr.)

Special Teams

K 18 Bryan Robertson (So.)
P 38 Ryan Hamre (Jr.)
PR 9 Glenn Johnson (Jr.)
KR 23 A.C. Carter (Sr.)

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BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Gerry DiNardo 2001 Record (Big Ten): 5-6 (4-4)
 2002 Prediction: 11th Big Ten Memorial Stadium (52,354)

Phil Bennett said all the right things when he was introduced as the 15th head coach in SMU history last December. Things like, "Our expectancy is to win the WAC championship and that will never change. That is our goal."

But considering what the Mustangs have returning, maybe it isn't so far-fetched to believe that SMU can make a strong run at

start any of them if he thought they were the best man for the job. Wallis, who led his team to victory in the Blue-White spring game, is the front-runner heading into fall two-a-days. "If we played tomorrow, Tate would be the starting quarterback," Bennett said after the spring game.

ShanDerrick Charles leads the way in the backfield after breaking Craig James' SMU freshman rushing record with 860 yards on just 134 carries (6.4 yard average) and seven touchdowns despite not really emerging until about halfway through the season. Keylon Kincade is a solid backup; he rushed for 169 yards on 24 carries in one game against Tulsa last season.

Chris "The Comet" Cunningham, who has caught a pass in 32 of his 33 career games and had 45 receptions for 516 yards last season, returns to lead a deep, veteran group of receivers with big-play potential. Cody Cardwell, Billy Ford and Johnnie Freeman also saw time in the starting lineup. And Bennett is very high on sophomores Jay Taylor and Trey Griffin and redshirt freshman Cedric Vinson.

If that isn't enough, SMU's two top tight ends from a year ago, John Hampton and Trent Hrcir, both return.

Two starters — tackle Judson Davis and center Steve Reindl — return to an offensive line that struggled at times last season, surrendering 31 sacks. Two other veterans with starting experience, Thornton Chandler (five starts in '01) and Sterling Harris (two starts) also return. Harris played guard last fall but will likely join Davis at tackle. Bennett is counting on a couple of youngsters, sophomore Townsend Hargis and redshirt freshman Brad Kieschnick, to start at the two guard spots.

Bennett, who plans to run a 4-3 defense, needs to come up with replacements for All-WAC defensive end Kevin Aldridge as well as 2001 starter Johnson Patman. Seniors Khalid Beard and Eric Peterson and sophomores Melvin Williams and Derek Swofford are the top candidates. Both tackles, Warrie Birdwell and Lute Croy, return and bring a lot of experience along with them. Croy is a

four-year starter, while Birdwell will be starting for the third straight year.

Bennett believes in an aggressive and attacking style of defense, and he has the linebackers that fit that scheme. First team All-WAC pick Vic Vilorio returns for his senior season to spearhead a deep, talented and veteran unit. Jarrian James, a good pass defender, and Brian Bischoff, a good run-stopper, also started last season. "I would think this will be a strength for us," Bennett says.

In a conference that has more than its share of wild shoot-outs, a good, veteran secondary is a must to succeed. And the Mustangs may have the WAC's best. Both cornerbacks, Jonas Rutledge and senior Kevin Garrett, have All-WAC honors on their résumés.

Also back is junior free safety Ruben Moodley, who also could contend for All-WAC honors. Sophomore Alvin Nnabuife, who saw extensive action last season, will start at strong safety.

Chris McMurtray, who impressed Bennett with a strong leg in spring drills, is expected to take over placekicking duties, while true freshman Ryan Mentzel will likely handle punting duties.



Mitch Haddad

ShanDerrick Charles

the title. "I am excited about the experience that we return on both offense and defense," says Bennett, who spent the past three seasons as defensive coordinator at Kansas State. "And the kids are really hungry to win. But we've got some work to do."

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The Mustangs lost 18 fumbles in 2001, most in the WAC and more than Fresno State, Nevada and Tulsa combined.

One of Bennett's first priorities is to find a dependable starting quarterback. Junior Kelan Luker has the most experience after starting the first three games last season. But he was replaced by David Page after throwing more interceptions (four) than touchdowns (two). Page left the team in January. Redshirt freshmen Richard Bartel, Ashton Nixon and Tate Wallis all have strong prep credentials, and Bennett indicated he wouldn't hesitate to

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

WR 21 Chris Cunningham (Sr.)	15	Jay Taylor (So.)
WR 25 Cody Cardwell (Sr.)	83	Trey Griffin (So.)
WR 17 Billy Ford (Sr.)	5	Johnnie Freeman (Sr.)
LT 75 Sterling Harris (Jr.)	60	Eric Neal (So.)
LG 62 Brad Kieschnick (Fr.)	74	Hulsey Smith (Fr.)
C 69 Steve Reindl (Jr.)	58	Thornton Chandler (Sr.)
RG 70 Townsend Hargis (So.)	64	Scott Dale (Fr.)
RT 76 Judson Davis (Sr.)	79	Tommy Miller (Fr.)
TE 86 John Hampton (Sr.)	49	Trent Hrcir (Jr.)
QB 11 Tate Wallis (Fr.)	7	Kelan Luker (Jr.)
RB 2 ShanDerrick Charles (So.)	32	Keylon Kincade (Jr.)

Defense (7)

DE 9 Khalid Beard (Sr.)	90	Melvin Williams (So.)
DT 50 Warrie Birdwell (Sr.)	14	Allan Adami (So.)
DT 92 Lute Croy (Sr.)	94	Marcus Walker (Fr.)
DE 97 Eric Peterson (Sr.)	36	Derek Swofford (So.)
LB 55 Vic Vilorio (Sr.)	42	Billy Jack Williams (Sr.)
LB 35 D.D. Lee (So.)	38	D.D. Johnson (Sr.)
LB 45 Jarrian James (Jr.)	46	Brian Bischoff (Jr.)
CB 3 Jonas Rutledge (Jr.)	24	Brent Briggs (Sr.)
CB 1 Kevin Garrett (Sr.)	39	James Orr (Sr.)
FS 4 Ruben Moodley (Jr.)	8	Leroy Price (Jr.)
SS 27 Alvin Nnabuife (So.)	6	Rico Harris (So.)

Special Teams

K 31 Chris McMurtray (Fr.)
P Ryan Mentzel (Fr.)
KR 3 Jonas Rutledge (Jr.)
PR 2 ShanDerrick Charles (So.)

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BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Phil Bennett
2002 Prediction: 5th WAC

2001 Record (WAC): 4-7 (4-4)
Falcon Stadium (52,480)

This fall the pressure will be on the UAB defensive line. Four standouts have moved on from a line that helped the defense rank fifth nationally in yards allowed and first nationally in rushing yards allowed. But UAB coach Watson Brown isn't prepared to make a concession speech to opposing units. "I always think we'll be good there," Brown says. "We can recruit that position

UAB returns to a two-back set and will rely on tailback Theron Dudley and fullback Kendal Gibson. Both are big, strong backs. Despite his size, Dudley has the ability to break long runs. Gibson, used more in the team's short-yardage package a year ago, does not run away from people, but he isn't shy about trying to run over them. Both are excellent receivers.

Senior Willie Quinnie will be the team's big-play receiver, provided he can avoid the injury bug. Last year he found himself somewhat limited by double-teams, but he has the speed and quickness to be the team's biggest threat. Chico Cleveland, while not as fast, is a good athlete and possession receiver. The team's most exciting receiver, Jason Southall, returned to the defensive backfield but is a potential two-way player.

The Blazers return four offensive line starters, led by senior center Kirk Tuck. A blue-collar worker and one of the stronger Blazers, Tuck has been a constant on the UAB line since his sophomore season.

Andy Galloway has impressed coaches since his true freshman year when his hard-nosed approach nearly forced the UAB staff to decide against a redshirt season.

Wilbert Hamilton made a successful move from defensive to offensive tackle last season. Larry Coachman and Artavious Williams are part of a line that helped the Blazers rush for 160.6 yards per game, third-best in C-USA.

While UAB fans lament the losses on the defensive line, it appears the Blazers will field a respectable group, including tackle James Malone and end Hassan McKeithan, a potential all-league performer. Malone had an impressive spring; he is a former high school linebacker who is athletic and quick to the ball. McKeithan will play rush end. Also an athletic defender, he has the quick hands necessary to shed the blocks of opposing tight ends. Defensive end Marvin Nickson is being counted on to rush the passer.

Linebackers are a concern; there's not a returning starter in the group. Zach Woodfin made an impact during spring workouts. Woodfin, at 225 pounds, is fast, has solid instincts at the position and is

one of the strongest on the team with a bench press of 400 pounds. Two sophomores — Gaylon Black and Nigel Eldridge — have potential, but neither has played much.

There's a bit more of a comfort level in the secondary. Chris Brown moves to safety after playing cornerback the past three seasons. Brown is an excellent leader in the defensive backfield and a solid cover guy, but the staff would like to see him become a better tackler.

Derrick Bush, a 6'4" safety, moves into the hybrid safety-linebacker spot in the team's 4-2-5 alignment. Southall, the former receiver, gives the team another solid cover corner.

Dio Hill and Carlos Hendricks are slated to start at cornerback. Hill tied for the team lead with three interceptions last season. Hendricks is a tough, athletic cornerback with 4.4 speed and a 35-inch vertical leap.

Ross Stewart returns after averaging 42.5 yards per punt last year. Kicker Nick Hayes was named to the C-USA All-Freshman team. He made 10-of-15 field goals and was 17-of-17 on extra points. Quinnie averaged 12.1 yards per punt return last fall. Southall, who had a 93-yard return against Central Florida, should handle kickoffs.

Depth Chart

Offense (8)

WR 22 Roddy White (So.)	9 T.J. Simmons (Sr.)
WR 5 Willie Quinnie (Sr.)	18 Travouris Thomas (Fr.)
WR*87 Chico Cleveland (So.)	7 Kenny Borders (Sr.)
LT 70 Wilbert Hamilton (Jr.)	57 Bard Spencer (Sr.)
LG 72 Andy Galloway (So.)	78 Anthony Larry (Fr.)
C 68 Kirk Tuck (Sr.)	50 Matt Batusic (Fr.)
RG 61 Larry Coachman (Jr.)	71 Jimmy Joynt (So.)
RT 77 Artavious Williams (Jr.)	54 Barker White (So.)
TE 89 Sam Dudley (Fr.)	84 Lynorse Garrett (So.)
QB 14 Thomas Cox (Sr.)	4 Darrell Hackney (Fr.)
RB 2 Theron Dudley (So.)	23 Mario Stanley (Jr.)
FB* 6 Kendal Gibson (So.)	32 Bernard Anderson (Sr.)

Defense (2)

DE 96 Hassan McKeithan (Sr.)	76 Earnest Respress (Fr.)
DT 98 James Malone (Sr.)	91 Tanner Allen (Sr.)
NG 93 Shamar Abrams (Jr.)	90 Sam Williamson (Fr.)
DE 97 Marvin Nickson (Sr.)	38 Anthony Garrett (So.)
LB 59 Nigel Eldridge (So.)	49 Chris Mason (Fr.)
LB 58 Zach Woodfin (So.)	53 Gaylon Black (So.)
WS 42 Derrick Bush (Sr.)	24 Julius Wainwright (Fr.)
FS 31 Chris Brown (Sr.)	39 Sentell Winston (Sr.)
SS 8 Thurman Pearson (So.)	11 Thomas Arnold (So.)
CB 20 Dio Hill (Jr.)	28 Leroy Harris (So.)
CB 19 Carlos Hendricks (So.)	3 Jason Southall (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 60 Nick Hayes (So.)
P 92 Ross Stewart (Sr.)
KR 3 Jason Southall (Jr.)
PR 5 Willie Quinnie (Sr.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters

BOLD indicates returning starters

*The 12 offensive positions represent UAB's multiple formations.

Head Coach: Watson Brown	2001 Record (C-USA): 6-5 (5-2)
2002 Prediction: 7th C-USA	Legion Field (83,091)



Thomas Cox

pretty good. This group just has to get all this stuff down."

Last fall, it was the offense that struggled. The Blazers tried to install a no-huddle, one-back, up-tempo offense and finished last in C-USA in total offense. Re-enter a familiar face. Senior Thomas Cox returns to lend this group his leadership abilities. Cox may not be the most talented quarterback on the roster, but he adds toughness and competitiveness.

4.5

UAB averaged a league-low 4.5 yards per play last season. The Blazers ranked last in the league in total offense and eighth in scoring.

Cox is 6-1 as a starter, including wins over No. 17 East Carolina in 1999 and over LSU in 2000. Cox could be pushed by Darrell Hackney, much more of a running threat and the biggest QB on the roster.



San Diego State aztecs

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RANKING

San Diego State's program used to be known for high-octane offenses that put bushels of points on the scoreboard. But the last two seasons were the most unproductive back-to-back scoring seasons since the program joined the major college ranks in the mid-1970s.

Athletic director Rick Bay responded by firing coach Ted Tollner and hiring Tom

replace him. The leaders coming out of spring practice were James Truvillion, who missed all of last season with hamstring injuries, redshirt freshman Michael Franklin and converted safety DeAngelo Nedd. Incoming freshman Frederick Collins (2,367 rushing yards as a senior) will join the competition when he arrives in the fall.

The talent and depth at receiver is vastly improved, though J.R. Tolver is the lone proven player. Tolver enters his senior season with 134 career receptions, eighth-most in SDSU history. Transfer Kassim Osgood is intriguing. The 6'5" wideout spent three years at Cal Poly, where he was a Division I-AA All-American. Ronnie Davenport missed all of last season because of a suspension stemming from his time at Cal. He and sophomore Jeff Webb (16 catches in 2001) will be among the players battling for a starting spot in the three-receiver offense.

The Aztecs lost three starters on the line, and the competition for some spots won't be settled until August. One person who doesn't have to worry about job security is center Johnathan Ingram. The 300-pound senior excelled in his first season at

of the defense, if not the entire team. Middle linebacker Kirk Morrison is a budding star and even earned some freshman All-America accolades last season despite not becoming a starter until Beau Trickey was lost four games into the season with a knee injury. Morrison was so good at manning the middle that Trickey has been moved outside. Stephen Larsen will be the other outside linebackers.

SDSU is looking for a couple of good safeties after losing Garret Pavelko and two-time all-conference player Will Dumps. Sophomores Marviel Underwood and Josh Dean are the favorites, though redshirt freshman Marcus Dumps, Will's younger brother, could push for a starting job. The cornerbacks are easier to figure out. Ricky Sharpe will start for the third straight season and Jeff Shoate returns for his second as a starter. Sharpe had two interceptions and 11 pass break-ups last season.

Brian Simnjanovski led the Mountain West Conference in punting (43.6) last season and ranked 21st nationally. Tommy Kirovski will again handle the placekicking duties. Kirovski converted 10-of-13 field goals and scored 50 points last season.



San Diego State SID

J.R. Tolver

Craft, who won three junior college national titles at nearby Palomar College. Craft, a quarterback at SDSU in the mid-1970s, served as his alma mater's offensive coordinator in the mid-1990s when the Aztecs' offense ranked among the nation's best.

5 San Diego State managed just five TD passes in 2001. The only Division I-A team with fewer passing touchdowns was Notre Dame with four.

Craft opened the quarterback race during spring drills to the program's four scholarship quarterbacks: Adam Hall, Lon Sheriff, Danny Armstrong and Jon Stoner. Hall, who began his career at Texas, had by far the best spring and emerged as the clear-cut No. 1. The job will be his to lose during preseason camp.

Second-team All-America running back Larry Ned has departed and there is a deep pool of unproven candidates bidding to

blend of quickness and power. The other returning starter, junior Brendan Darby, has steadily improved and will enter preseason camp atop the depth chart at left tackle, though Craft hopes junior college transfer Damien Holman will also push for a starting assignment.

Akbar Gbaja-Biamila will move back to defensive end in 2002 after playing out of position at tackle last fall. Though he had five sacks last season, his speed is a much better fit on the outside. Ryan Iata will be the other end, and Amon Arnold supplies depth. The Aztecs are thin at tackle, and matters weren't helped when highly regarded talents Marcus Levi and Sagan Atuatasi missed spring drills for academic reasons. Jared Ritter will be one of the starters, and Anthony Foli, who has been a spot starter the past two seasons, could push for the other starting tackle spot.

The linebacking corps is the strength

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

FL	1 Kassim Osgood (Sr.)	88 Lonnel Penman (So.)
SE	16 J.R. Tolver (Sr.)	19 Jeff Webb (So.)
SL	2 Ronnie Davenport (Sr.)	6 Kyle Conery (So.)
LT	79 Brendan Darby (Jr.)	61 Sikoti Uipi (Sr.)
LG	68 Raul Gomez (Sr.)	72 Jasper Harvey (Fr.)
C	60 Johnathan Ingram (Sr.)	75 Danny Negrete (Fr.)
RG	77 Shawn Dickie (Jr.)	70 Zach Barnes (Jr.)
RT	74 Mike Kracalik (So.)	71 Nicholas Penalosa (Jr.)
TE	81 Raleigh Fletcher (Jr.)	87 David Gorman (Jr.)
QB	12 Adam Hall (Jr.)	13 Lon Sheriff (Sr.)
RB	21 James Truvillion (Sr.)	20 Michael Franklin (Fr.)

Defense (6)

DE	94 Akbar Gbaja-Biamila (Sr.)	50 Amon Arnold (Sr.)
DT	96 Jared Ritter (Sr.)	92 Marcus Levi (So.)
DT	49 Anthony Foli (Jr.)	97 Sagan Atuatasi (So.)
DE	90 Ryan Iata (Sr.)	49 Anthony Foli (Jr.)
LB	35 Beau Trickey (Jr.)	48 Matt McCoy (Fr.)
LB	34 Kirk Morrison (So.)	40 Rodney Allen (Sr.)
LB	45 Stephen Larsen (So.)	33 Heath Farwell (So.)
CB	3 Ricky Sharpe (Sr.)	39 Jacob Elimimian (Fr.)
CB	26 Jeff Shoate (Jr.)	10 Hubert Caliste (So.)
FS	5 Marviel Underwood (So.)	30 Marcus Dumps (Fr.)
SS	42 Josh Dean (So.)	30 Marcus Dumps (Fr.)

Special Teams

K	17 Tommy Kirovski (Sr.)
P	27 Brian Simnjanovski (Sr.)
KR	5 Marviel Underwood (So.)
PR	5 Marviel Underwood (So.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Tom Craft
2002 Prediction: 7th MWC

2001 Record (MWC): 3-8 (2-5)
Qualcomm Stadium (54,000)



Ball State cardinals

NATIONAL
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RANKING

Bill Lynch is not a big fan of the month of September. Over the last four seasons, his Ball State Cardinals are 0-16 during September, opening each campaign with four straight losses.

But with 15 starters back from a club that tied Toledo for first place in the MAC's Western Division, Lynch is optimistic his club can get off to a strong start in 2002.

completions rank sixth all-time. Hill has started 18 consecutive games, and the Cardinals sport a respectable 10-8 record with him running the show.

Junior Andy Roesch hasn't seen much action since Hill took over in the fifth game of the 2000 season, but he is a capable replacement.

Marcus Merriweather returns at tailback after a second straight 1,000-yard season. The senior gained 1,244 yards, scored 12 touchdowns and earned first-team All-MAC honors. Merriweather averaged 124.4 yards per game, ranking him second in the conference and 10th in the country. The Doak Walker Candidate needs 1,110 yards this fall to surpass Bernie Parmalee as the school's all-time leading rusher.

Fullback Scott Volk started six games last fall and will be pushed by sophomore Dan Sprouls.

Ball State's biggest hole is at wide receiver, where senior Sean Schembra (34 receptions, 432 yards) is the only returnee with appreciable playing experience. Jason Barnes, Steve Sutherland, Ryan Hahaj and Clint Planck are the leading candidates to fill the void.

Wayne Washington and Michael Williams complete the crowded mix of inexperienced receivers. Other than Schembra, no other receiver had a catch last season.

The tight end spot is secure with Jon Eckert, who had 17 catches for 217 yards.

Center Colin Johnson leads a battle-tested offensive line that welcomes back four starters. Left tackle Kris Berry, left guard David Miller and right guard Travis Barclay help form a solid nucleus. Johnson and Miller are fifth-year seniors while Berry and Barclay are juniors. The right tackle spot will go to either Joel Hofmann or Adam Rothstein.

Tackle Greg Pagnard is the Cardinals' only returning starter on the defensive line. Paul Strabavy and Jonas Williams will man the end positions with four players battling at noseguard. Keith Anderson is the likely starter, but Nick

Graymire, Patrick Neils and Martin Mieczczynski will also be in mix.

Weak-side linebacker Lorenzo Scott and outside linebacker Justin Beriault were two of the most productive defensive players in the MAC last season. Scott led the Cardinals with 124 tackles (13 for a loss) and Beriault had 117 stops, which ranked him among the top freshman tacklers in the country. Middle linebacker Shannon Donaldson and Justin Riley complete the Cardinals' talented linebacker corps.

Two-year starters Steve Monson and Jesse Avant return at the corners. Avant had two interceptions and seven pass break-ups last season. Monson led the Cardinals with nine break-ups and snagged two interceptions. Charles Avant and Jade Winchell will compete for the safety position along with Douglas Owusu.

The kicking duties will be handled by the sure foot of Mike Langford, who made all six of his field goals and all 21 extra point attempts last season.

Reggie Hodges is back after averaging 41.3 yards-per-punt, the fifth-best single-season mark in BSU history.

Depth Chart

Offense (10)

WR 87 Ryan Hahaj (Fr.)	88 Clint Planck (Jr.)
WR 83 Sean Schembra (Sr.)	29 Jason Barnes (So.)
LT 78 Kris Berry (Jr.)	75 Ty Knisley (So.)
LG 79 David Miller (Sr.)	70 Nick Tabacca (So.)
C 64 Colin Johnson (Sr.)	77 Mike Jantzen (Jr.)
RG 62 Travis Barclay (Jr.)	71 Jeff Ramsey (So.)
RT 69 Joel Hofmann (Jr.)	68 Adam Rothstein (Fr.)
TE 80 Jon Eckert (Sr.)	84 Tim Streit (Sr.)
QB 15 Talmadge Hill (Jr.)	12 Andy Roesch (Jr.)
FB 38 Scott Volk (Sr.)	33 Dan Sprouls (So.)
TB 44 Marcus Merriweather (Sr.)	32 Scott Blair (So.)

Defense (5)

DE 45 Paul Strabavy (Jr.)	94 Brad Hess (So.)
DT 55 Greg Pagnard (Jr.)	65 Conrad Slaughter (So.)
NT 52 Keith Anderson (So.)	99 Nick Graymire (Fr.)
DE 46 Jonas Williams (Sr.)	57 Blair Kramer (Fr.)
LB 40 Shannon Donaldson (So.)	Andrico Spates (Fr.)
LB 47 Lorenzo Scott (Jr.)	23 Donta Smith (Fr.)
ROV 56 Justin Riley (Jr.)	27 Donald Crompton (Sr.)
S 31 Justin Beriault (So.)	37 Mike Brizendine (Sr.)
CB 19 Steve Monson (Sr.)	11 Quentin Manley (Jr.)
CB 1 Jesse Avant (Jr.)	42 Tommy Schembra (So.)
FS 2 Charles Avant (Sr.)	17 Jade Winchell (Sr.)

Special Teams

K 43 Mike Langford (Jr.)
P 30 Reggie Hodges (So.)
KR 83 Sean Schembra (Sr.)
PR 42 Tommy Schembra (So.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Bill Lynch
2002 Prediction: 4th MAC West

2001 Record (MAC): 5-6 (4-3)
Ball State Stadium (22,500)



Ball State SID

Steve Monson

"I really think we've made good progress the last few years," Lynch says. "But it would be nice to win one game in September, at least. We're ready as a program to take that next step and win some games early in the season. We had to hit the bottom to get back up."

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Marcus Merriweather became only the second running back in school history to run for 1,000 or more yards in back-to-back seasons.

Junior Talmadge Hill returns at quarterback after passing for the third-highest single-season total in school history. One season after earning MAC Freshman of the Year honors, Hill showcased his passing skills as a sophomore with 1,953 yards and 13 touchdowns. His 301 attempts were the second-most in BSU history and his 159



Rutgers

scarlet knights

NATIONAL
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RANKING

Greg Schiano can summarize what he's looking for this season in one word. "Improvement," says Rutgers' second-year coach.

Though most people will take that to specifically mean bettering last year's 2-9 record, Schiano has a much broader definition. He wants to see improvement from an offense that set a Big East record for fewest

scored in seven Big East games were the fewest by a team since the league was formed.

In his defense, Cubit didn't have much of a supporting cast. The Knights' leading rusher last year gained 372 yards. Their leading scorer was placekicker Ryan Sands with a mere 26 points. And the offensive line was a patchwork unit that was ravaged by injuries.

Rutgers should have an improved running game, even though the Knights lost their top two rushers to graduation and Rikki Cook, the marquee recruit of 2001, transferred out of the program in the spring. The staff is excited about sophomore Clarence Pittman, who dazzled in practice last fall while sitting out as a freshman due to academic shortcomings.

Cubit won't lack for targets, thanks to a receiving corps that looks solid. The group is led by L.J. Smith, a second-team All-Big East tight end, with big-play senior Aaron Martin (20.9 yards per catch) and sure-handed Sean Carty also returning.

The biggest reason the offense should improve is the offensive line, which appears to be both deep and capable.

Two newcomers may be good enough to start immediately — tackle Ron Green, a junior college transfer, and freshman Randy Boxill, a 6'5", 313-pound guard who originally committed to Miami. With Green, Trohn Carswell, Mike Williamson and Howard Blackwood at the tackles, Schiano moved Brian Duffy, who started every game but one at right tackle last year, to guard. Marty Pyszcymuka, last year's starting left guard, moved to center, sending Bryan Bohrer, who is recovering from a broken leg, back to tight end.

A promising defensive line and a deep, experienced secondary should be the strengths of the defense. Ryan Neill and Raheem Orr give Rutgers solid ends, with promising Alfred Peterson, who hinted at future stardom as a true freshman, in reserve. Will Burnett and Greg Pyszcymuka, and backups Davon Clark and Gary Gibson, should offer marked improvement on the interior of the line.

The biggest intrigue will be at line-backer. Senior Gary Brackett is the only

returning starter, but junior Brian Hohmann (10 games, four starts) and promising sophomore Brad Cunningham (nine games, four starts) both saw significant action last fall. Brian Bender, who missed all but three games last season with a knee injury, emerged from the spring as a starter, along with Brackett and Cunningham. The veterans could be pushed by a trio of ballyhooed freshmen — William Beckford, Will Gilkison and Berkeley Hutchinson, one of the most highly recruited players Rutgers has ever landed. Hutchinson, however, might not be academically eligible to play as a freshman.

The secondary returns intact, with DeWayne Thompson and Nate Jones at the corners, tough-as-nails Shawn Seabrooks at free safety and Nate Colon at strong safety. Sophomores Eddie Grimes, Jarvis Johnson and Jason Grant, and senior Brandon Haw all saw considerable time last year as well.

Sands, though limited in range, was 6-of-6 on field goals last year. He'll be pushed by true freshman Justin Musiek. Mike Barr, who set school records for most punts (84), punting yardage (3,526) and average (42.0), should vie for All-Big East honors.



Steve Moore

Ryan Cubit

points scored and a defense that allowed nearly 400 points. Schiano simply wants the Knights, who lost games by scores of 61-0, 50-0, 80-7 and 42-0 last season, to be more competitive. "We need to keep getting better, and that's in all areas," he says.

42

The Rutgers offense led the nation by committing 42 turnovers last year. The Knights also ranked last nationally in turnover margin and fumbles lost (21).

Schiano is hoping his investment in quarterback Ryan Cubit begins to pay dividends this season. Cubit, who started every game as a true freshman last year, produced the expected mixed results. He set a school record for passing yards by a true freshman (1,433) but also set a school record with 19 interceptions while directing one of the worst offenses in school history. The 36 points Rutgers

Depth Chart

Offense (8)

SE 82 Aaron Martin (Sr.)	80 Jerry Andre (So.)
LT 51 Trohn Carswell (Sr.)	79 Sameeh McDonald (Fr.)
LG 77 Rich McManis (Jr.)	61 Mike Clancy (Fr.)
C 52 Marty Pyszcymuka (Jr.)	78 Mike Esposito (Sr.)
RG 73 Brian Duffy (Sr.)	64 Rob Dinsmore (So.)
RT 62 Mike Williamson (Jr.)	69 Howard Blackwood (Sr.)
TE 85 L.J. Smith (Sr.)	83 Ed Jordan (Jr.)
FL 8 Tres Moses (So.)	9 Sean Carty (Sr.)
QB 12 Ryan Cubit (So.)	16 Ted Trump (Sr.)
FB 94 Ray Pilch (Sr.)	46 Troy Marion (So.)
RB 22 Clarence Pittman (So.)	43 Marcus Jones (So.)

Defense (5)

DE 91 Ryan Neill (So.)	39 Piana Lukabu (So.)
DT 87 Will Burnett (Sr.)	93 Davon Clark (So.)
DT 99 Greg Pyszcymuka (Sr.)	95 Gary Gibson (So.)
DE 1 Raheem Orr (Sr.)	92 Alfred Peterson (So.)
LB 37 Brad Cunningham (So.)	44 Jeremy Campbell (So.)
LB 41 Gary Brackett (Sr.)	54 Cedric Brown (So.)
LB 42 Brian Bender (Sr.)	49 Brian Hohmann (Jr.)
CB 21 DeWayne Thompson (Sr.)	31 Eddie Grimes (So.)
CB 20 Nate Jones (Jr.)	24 Brandon Haw (Sr.)
SS 4 Nate Colon (Sr.)	20 Jarvis Johnson (So.)
FS 23 Shawn Seabrooks (Sr.)	27 Jason Grant (So.)

Special Teams

K 90 Ryan Sands (So.)
P 13 Mike Barr (Sr.)
KR 32 Nate Jones (Jr.)
PR 8 Tres Moses (So.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD Indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Greg Schiano
2002 Prediction: 8th Big East

2001 Record (Big East): 2-9 (0-7)
Rutgers Stadium (41,500)



Western Michigan broncos

NATIONAL
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RANKING

Is Western Michigan sliding back to the pack in the MAC or was the 5-6 record last season a minor bump in the road for Gary Darnell and his Bronco football program?

Darnell would like to think the 2001 season was an aberration, but WMU might be forced to take another step back before it returns to the top of the MAC's Western

the starting job in preseason camp.

Western Michigan struggled running the football last season. The Broncos scored just eight rushing touchdowns and averaged a league-low 99.9 yards per game on the ground. There is talent, though, in Philip Reed and Charles Woods, the top two producers during the 2001 season. Both players are similar in terms of speed and power. The coaching staff is high on redshirt freshmen Trovon Riley and Daniel Marks and expects both to contribute this fall.

WMU lost its top two receivers to graduation, but there is enough quality and quantity coming back to make this the strength of the Bronco offense. Western returns three wide receivers who caught at least 20 passes last season — Brandon Johnson, Kendrick Mosley, Antonio Thomas — and also boasts the league's top tight end, Mobolaji Afariogun.

The receiving corps will also be bolstered by the addition of Jermaine Lewis, a second-team all-conference defensive back in 2001 who is making the move across the line of scrimmage.

Darnell is hoping to find eight offensive linemen who can go at full strength all year and push the offense to be more productive. "Big doesn't mean good at this position," says Darnell. "Linemen must learn our system and be ready to play."

Kevin Kramer, Jake Gasaway and C.R. Moultry are returning lettermen while Kyle Ras, Jon Garcia and Fred McCants are looking to make significant contributions.

Western Michigan features one of the top defensive lines in the MAC. "You give me two great defensive ends and two good cover corners and I will play anyone," Darnell says. The Broncos have great ends in Anthony Allsbury, a first-team All-MAC pick last year, and Chris Browning.

The interior of the line will be filled by veterans Jason Babin, Ryan Iorillo, Jeff Westgate, Jack Gitler, and talented junior college transfers Jonathan Jones and Andy Endermann.

The Broncos return a solid group of

linebackers led by Jason Malloy and Brian Lape, an honorable mention All-MAC pick in 2001. Lape forced a MAC-high six fumbles last fall and led the team with 122 tackles. Willie Miller and Erik Oleson are waiting in the wings providing depth.

WMU employs five defensive backs in its 4-2-5 scheme, and Darnell and his staff hit the junior college circuit hard in this area to help replace six defensive backs lost from last year's team. Newcomers Maurice Hart, Willie Pope and Eugene Childs are looking to assist Carlos Smith, Tony Carr, Jason Feldpausch, Sam Reynolds and Stephen Gubernick and keep the Broncos on top as the best defense against the pass in the MAC again.

Western Michigan finished near the bottom of the league in net punting a year ago. Adam Anderson will be looking to improve his 37.9-yard average. Robert Menchinger was adequate as the Broncos' placekicker (8-of-11 field goals; 0-of-2 beyond 40 yards), but the job will be wide open in preseason camp.

Freshman Greg Jennings looks to make a name for himself as the return specialist this year.



Western Michigan SID

Anthony Allsbury

Division standings. Western heads into the upcoming season with questions at quarterback and in the running game, and the 2002 schedule — which features non-conference games with Michigan, Purdue and Virginia Tech — will make it difficult for the Broncos to win more than they lose.

86.6

The Broncos, the MAC's worst running team a year ago, were outrushed by 86.6 yards per game in 2001.

Jonathan Drach "is our quarterback right now if we had to play a game today," Darnell said during spring practice. Drach played in eight games last fall and averaged 123.5 yards passing per game with seven touchdowns and seven interceptions. Darnell expects talented junior college transfers Chad Munson (3,300 yards and 32 touchdowns) and Robbie Haas (2,487 yards and 30 touchdowns) to fight for

Depth Chart

Offense (4)

WR 3 Kendrick Mosley (Sr.)	80 Pat Graham (Fr.)
WR 8 Brandon Johnson (Sr.)	11 Jermaine Lewis (Sr.)
WR 5 Antonio Thomas (Jr.)	15 Greg Jennings (Fr.)
LT 70 Fred McCants (Sr.)	73 C.R. Moultry (Jr.)
LG 67 Kevin Kramer (Sr.)	79 Kyle Ras (So.)
C 69 Jake Gasaway (Sr.)	68 Chris Montgomery (Sr.)
RG 76 Jon Garcia (Jr.)	61 Mark Ottney (Fr.)
RT 77 Mike McCord (So.)	57 Shawn Wiza (Fr.)
TE 86 Mobolaji Afariogun (Sr.)	82 Anthony Kiner (Jr.)
QB 19 Jon Drach (Jr.)	18 Blayne Baggett (Fr.)
RB 22 Charles Woods (Sr.)	38 Philip Reed (Jr.)

Defense (6)

DE 97 Chris Browning (Sr.)	35 Nick Melcher (So.)
DT 93 Jason Babin (Jr.)	59 Jack Gitler (So.)
NG 99 Jeff Westgate (Sr.)	91 Ryan Iorillo (Sr.)
DE 37 Anthony Allsbury (Sr.)	90 Ernest Osborne (So.)
LB 46 Bryan Lape (Sr.)	34 Willie Miller (So.)
LB 55 Jason Malloy (Sr.)	33 Erik Oleson (So.)
CB 41 Sam Reynolds (Sr.)	31 Mike Johnson (Sr.)
CB 21 Tony Carr (So.)	23 Kevin Coleman (Sr.)
WS 40 Jason Feldpausch (Jr.)	47 Kevin Ford (Fr.)
FS 36 Stephen Gubernick (Jr.)	25 Scott Robinson (So.)
SS 7 Carlos Smith (Sr.)	42 Jermaine Foreste (Sr.)

Special Teams

K 17 Robert Menchinger (So.)
P 39 Adam Anderson (So.)
KR 15 Greg Jennings (Fr.)
PR 3 Kendrick Mosley (Sr.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD Indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Gary Darnell	2001 Record (MAC): 5-6 (4-4)
2002 Prediction: 5th MAC West	Waldo Stadium (30,200)



Tulane green wave

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RANKING

Since the mid-1990s, Tulane has been blessed with productive quarterbacks, from Shaun King, who led the Green Wave to its unbeaten season in 1998, to Patrick Ramsey, who completed his assault on the Tulane passing records last season.

Now coach Chris Scelfo enters his fourth full season without a quarterback who possesses the skills or experience of either. But J.P.

Wave boasts Conference USA's top returning rusher in Mewelde Moore, one of the nation's best backs. Moore, an outfielder in the San Diego Padres system in the summer, rushed for 1,421 yards last fall and caught 65 passes for nearly 800 yards, averaging 188.2 all-purpose yards per game. Moore is both punishing and elusive. The first tackler rarely brings him down.

Another baseball outfielder is making significant contributions to the high-powered Tulane offense. Roydell Williams led the conference with 11 TD receptions last fall but missed spring workouts while playing the outfield for the Tulane baseball team. He struggled with dropped passes last year but still managed 886 yards on 56 catches.

The best friend of an inexperienced quarterback is an experienced offensive line. Too bad Tulane doesn't have one. Seth Zaunbrecher is the lone returning starter. Center Brendon Drysdale, a former walk-on, played extensively at guard, and tackle Derick Bugg played in seven games and started two, but there is little overall experience.

The Green Wave introduces a new defensive system, one the staff hopes will keep Tulane from another season ranked as the conference's worst unit. Tulane allowed 41.3 points and 490.3 yards per game last fall, so it's debatable whether having 11 returning starters is good news or bad news.

Defensive end Kenan Blackmon is a veteran, having started the past three seasons. Tall and lean, Blackmon combines with Floyd Dorsey, also entering his fourth year as a starter, to give the Green Wave a respectable pass rush. Blackmon ranked fifth in the conference with eight sacks and forced three fumbles. Defensive tackle Roxie Shelvin has been a consistent force, and recovered a league-high three fumbles.

If new defensive coordinator Eric Schumann's defense is to make progress, it will take a super effort from the linebackers. Terry Fontenot moves from strong safety to strong-side linebacker, and is second on the depth chart behind Wesley Heath, a returning starter.

Brandon Spincer, one of the top freshman linebackers in the conference a year ago, will start on the weak side. Spincer

forced three fumbles and had 65 tackles.

The secondary is the strength of the rebuilding defense. Three seniors — Adrian Mitchell, Quentin Brown and Jeff Sanchez — return, as does junior Lynaris Elpheage, one of C-USA's best defensive backs.

Mitchell had a team-leading 138 tackles and is, perhaps, the team's best defensive player. Mitchell is steady against the pass with 10 pass breakups and two picks last year, and strong against the run. His backup, Trawick Boger, forced three fumbles last year and returned an interception for a TD. Other than Mitchell, Brown may be the best tackler in the secondary.

Elpheage has scored three touchdowns over the past two seasons — on a fumble recovery in 2000 and on an interception and a punt return last fall. Elpheage broke up 14 passes and intercepted three others a year ago.

Sanchez, one of the fastest players on the team, is a good cover cornerback who also returned an interception for a TD last year.

Seth Marler won the Lou Groza Award as the nation's best kicker last season and will get additional work as the team's punter this season. Marler was a near-perfect 15-of-16 on field goals and 39-of-40 on extra-points.



Ric Fogel

Mewelde Moore

Losman, a transfer from UCLA, steps into the starting role. While Losman has started only one game in each of the past two seasons, he has shown an ability to put up envious numbers. Losman, much more mobile than Ramsey, passed for 299 yards and two scores in his first start two years ago against East Carolina.

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Mewelde Moore has rushed for 2,311 career yards and caught passes for 1,106 more. He's the first player in school history with more than 2,000 rushing and 1,000 receiving yards.

While he is athletic and a dangerous scrambler, Losman has a strong arm and can throw the deep ball. To become the quarterback Scelfo needs, Losman needs to show patience in the pocket and resist the temptation to scramble. Scelfo praised Losman's progress in the spring, particularly his passing.

To ease the pressure on Losman, the Green

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

WR 9 Roydell Williams (Jr.)	19 Cletus McGee (Fr.)
WR 83 Carl Davis (So.)	25 James Dunn (Jr.)
WR 80 Chris Bush (So.)	1 Tristan Smith (So.)
LT 61 Derick Bugg (Sr.)	68 Chris McGee (Fr.)
LG 72 Matt Traina (Fr.)	61 Derick Bugg (Sr.)
C 62 Brendon Drysdale (Jr.)	55 Joe Traina (Fr.)
RG 60 Seth Zaunbrecher (Sr.)	73 Joe Mitchell (Jr.)
RT 76 Jimmy Kosienski (So.)	63 Renzi Sandras (Jr.)
TE 88 Bobby Hoover (So.)	87 Jerome Landry (Fr.)
QB 17 J.P. Losman (Jr.)	11 Derrick Joseph (Sr.)
FB*38 Kris Coleman (Jr.)	43 Brandt Quick (So.)
RB 26 Mewelde Moore (Jr.)	27 Brant Hocke (Jr.)

Defense (11)

DE 85 Floyd Dorsey (Sr.)	94 Chris Washington (Sr.)
DT 99 Wallace Mateen (So.)	54 Marlon Tickle (Sr.)
DT 89 Roxie Shelvin (Sr.)	96 Lonnie Crayton (Jr.)
DE 91 Kenan Blackmon (Sr.)	98 Brandon Rottmayer (So.)
LB 41 Wesley Heath (Jr.)	18 Terry Fontenot (Sr.)
LB 46 Blake Baker (So.)	45 Emmanuel Sewell (Jr.)
LB 5 Brandon Spincer (So.)	39 Antonio Mason (Fr.)
CB 13 Lynaris Elpheage (Jr.)	20 Bruce Youmans (Fr.)
CB 3 Jeff Sanchez (Sr.)	30 Darren Sapp (So.)
SS 14 Adrian Mitchell (Sr.)	23 Trawick Boger (So.)
FS 4 Quentin Brown (Sr.)	24 Joey Dawson (So.)

Special Teams

K 47 Seth Marler (Sr.)
P 47 Seth Marler (Sr.)
KR 13 Lynaris Elpheage (Jr.)
PR 13 Lynaris Elpheage (Jr.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters

BOLD indicates returning starters

*The 12 offensive positions represent Tulane's multiple formations

Head Coach: Chris Scelfo
2002 Prediction: 8th C-USA

2001 Record (C-USA): 3-9 (1-6)
Louisiana Superdome (69,767)

It hasn't been very pretty for Chris Tormey during his first two years as head coach at Nevada. Plagued by injuries and forced to start a number of players not far removed from their high school proms, the Wolf Pack have taken more than their share of lumps, winning a grand total of just five games in that span.

But Tormey is hoping that this college football baptism by fire will start paying some

When Tormey took over as head coach three years ago, he had a revolving door of running backs thanks in large part to a rash of injuries. Not any more.

Chance Kretschmer earned freshman All-America honors in 2001 and led the nation in rushing, averaging 157.5 yards per game and 5.7 yards per carry. He set an NCAA freshman mark with 302 carries. He also rushed for 327 yards and six touchdowns in one game against UTEP. Not bad for a former walk-on who redshirted his first season in Reno and began the year No. 3 on the depth chart.

Nate Burleson, who ranked 29th in the nation with 53 catches for 737 yards and two touchdowns, returns to head a deep group of wideouts. Tim Fleming, who underwent shoulder surgery in the spring, and speedster Jermaine Brown, who started last season before missing most of the year due to major knee reconstruction, also return. Junior college transfer Maurice Mann had an excellent spring and figures to see immediate playing time.

Three starters and two key reserves return to an offensive line that made big strides after a disastrous 2000 campaign. "I think the improvement they have made is unreal," Threadgill says.

Cody Johnson returns to start for the third year at center where he is an honors candidate. Two starters from the right side last season, Harvey Dahl and John Tennert, will be flipped to the left side this season to protect Threadgill's blind side.

The defensive line is one area that must show strong improvement if Nevada is to make a big leap in the WAC standings. The Wolf Pack gave up 30 rushing touchdowns and an average of 5.4 yards per carry in 2001. Tormey did a lot of juggling in the spring to try to patch the holes. He moved standout junior middle linebacker Jorge Cordova to defensive end, where he will be joined by junior J.D. Morscheck, the team leader in sacks (six) a year ago, talented junior college transfer Keenan Curtis and redshirt freshman Craig Bailey, a spring star. Chris Hines, who excelled as a true freshman last season, and redshirt

freshman P.J. Hoepfer are the frontrunners to start at tackle.

Daryl Towns, a second team All-WAC choice after leading the team with 103 tackles, returns and will be moved from inside linebacker to middle linebacker. Walk-on Jesse Adarme will likely take over the inside linebacker spot, and Carl LaGrone Jr. returns at outside linebacker where he finished fifth on the squad in tackles last season.

Everybody returns in the secondary which, depending on your point of view, could be a good thing or a bad thing. Nevada ranked a dismal 104th in the nation in pass defense, allowing an average of 270.6 yards per game and 26 touchdown passes.

The leader of the secondary is free safety Ronnie Hardiman, who has 19 career starts and is being touted as an honors candidate.

Leondre Lewis, Marlon McLaughlin and senior Domonic Cruz all spent time starting at cornerback last season.

Special teams could be Nevada's strongest area. Placekicker Damon Fine kicked a 58-yard field goal against UNLV and had five field goals in one game against Rice. Punter Derek Jones, who averaged 39.8 yards, is also back.



Peter Brouillet

Chance Kretschmer

dividends in 2002 now that he actually has the makings of a veteran team. "We've got a lot of returning guys," Tormey says. "We've got a lot of 22-game starters now. And that experience should help."

39.2

The Wolf Pack defense allowed 39.2 points per game last season. Two teams — San Jose State (64) and Fresno State (61) — scored more than 60 points against Nevada.

Nevada must replace four-year starter David Neill, who leaves as the school's all-time total offense and passing leader. Senior Zack Threadgill, who played significant minutes in nine games as Neill's backup last year and completed 58 percent of his passes will take over as the starter. "Zack has a lot of leadership qualities," Tormey says. "We believe he can be very productive in our offense."

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

WR 80 Nate Burleson (Sr.)	12 Aaron Carter (Sr.)
WR 81 Maurice Mann (Jr.)	3 Jermaine Brown (Sr.)
WR 18 Dan Bythwood (Sr.)	9 Tim Fleming (Jr.)
LT 59 Harvey Dahl (So.)	68 Adam Kiefer (Fr.)
LG 67 John Tennert (Jr.)	72 Nick Schneider (So.)
C 66 Cody Johnson (Sr.)	71 Steve Church (Jr.)
RG 79 Isaiah Ross (Jr.)	73 Tony Willis (Fr.)
RT 77 Alan Parker (Jr.)	75 David Ah Sue (Jr.)
TE 86 Tony Moli (Fr.)	85 Bill Lynch (Sr.)
QB 14 Zack Threadgill (Sr.)	13 Andy Heiser (So.)
RB 23 Chance Kretschmer (So.)	32 Marquis Starks (Jr.)

Defense (10)

DE 55 Jorge Cordova (Jr.)	99 Keenan Curtis (Jr.)
DT 62 Chris Hines (So.)	95 Chris Barry (So.)
DT 96 P.J. Hoepfer (Fr.)	56 Derek Kennard (Jr.)
DE 42 J.D. Morscheck (Jr.)	93 Craig Bailey (Fr.)
LB 53 Jesse Adarme (Jr.)	48 Matt White (So.)
LB 10 Daryl Towns (Jr.)	44 Jamaal Jackson (Fr.)
LB 19 Carl LaGrone, Jr. (Jr.)	24 Chad Conley (So.)
CB 1 Leondre Lewis (Jr.)	17 Domonic Cruz (Sr.)
CB 8 Marlon McLaughlin (So.)	7 Aaron Dean (Sr.)
Rov 25 Paul Jolley (Sr.)	33 Ekene Agwuenu (So.)
FS 6 Ronnie Hardiman (Jr.)	39 Keone Kauo (So.)

Special Teams

K 36 Damon Fine (So.)
P 37 Derek Jones (Jr.)
KR 6 Ronnie Hardiman (Jr.)
PR 8 Marlon McLaughlin (So.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Chris Tormey
2002 Prediction: 6th WAC

2001 Record (WAC): 3-8 (4-4)
Mackay Stadium (31,545)

Is this a team on the rise, or a program still in a rut? Perhaps no team in the league will be watched as closely as this one early in the season to find out the answer. Last year Kent State produced a winning (6-5) season for the first time since 1987. There is still much work to be done here, especially considering Kent had the fourth-worst scoring offense in the league at 22.5 points per game.



Joshua Cribbs

Joshua Cribbs combined the running skills of an option quarterback (1,019 rushing) with enough passing ability (1,516 yards, 10 TDs, five interceptions) to become the first freshman in Division I-A history to rush and pass for over 1,000 yards in a season. Cribbs proved to be very durable last season, and made it clear he would drop his shoulder to meet any tackler in his way. And that is good news for Kent State; there is no experienced backup on the roster.

6 Kent State's six wins in 2001 equaled the program's win total over the previous four seasons.

The Golden Flashes have gone five years without a 1,000-yard tailback, and likely won't have one this season.

David Alston (633 yards in 2001), Antonio King and Eddie Beccles aren't the type of backs to carry the ball 25-30 times per game, but all

three are capable of scoring from anywhere on the field.

Alston is the incumbent, although his penchant for fumbling must be dealt with. King, at 6'0", 205 pounds, was tried at several positions before locking in at running back. He is both fast and durable and had a stunning spring campaign. Beccles is the smallest of the three but the most elusive.

Receiver is the most uncertain skill position of all for the Golden Flashes. The tight ends are average at best with Brycen Erbe and Neil Buckosh used more for blocking. Ditto at wide-out where blocking is a premium on the flanks to open lanes for the elusive Cribbs.

KSU is planning on 6'4", 240-pound Antonio Gates shedding his basketball garb for tight ends pads this fall. But only believe it when you see it. A strong NCAA Tournament showing may keep Gates' eyes strictly on hoops. The most experienced receiver on hand is Joshua Bostick (21 catches, 214 yards). Cribbs' favorite target will likely be sophomore Darrell Dowery, who played with Cribbs in high school. The x-factor could be Reggie Gordon, a speedster who needs some consistency and tenacity to move up on the depth chart.

Don't expect a bunch of 300-pounders along Kent State's offensive line. Center Steve Smith is generously listed at 265 pounds. Only one projected starter is listed at 300 or more pounds, and there are just two 300-pounders on the 10-man two-deep from tackle to tackle. Time will tell if they can get tough yardage in the red zone, or in short-yardage situations.

In spring drills, the defensive line looked to be one of Kent State's strong suits. But that could be a mirage. While Shawn Armstead, Roy Attieh and John Nurczyk have loads of experience, none has ever been considered among the MAC elite. And remember, what looked good in the spring against relatively undersized, unproven KSU offensive linemen may not look the same against the likes of Ohio State and Marshall.

Talent-wise, the linebacking corps is perhaps the deepest position on the team. But some new faces in the starting lineup must be settled on. Anthony Henriquez (101 tackles) is solid on the outside, as is steady middle linebacker Josh Chilcote. But it's still unclear if senior Pierre Wilson (6'3", 275-pounds) will spend more time at linebacker or defensive end.

Last season the defensive backfield was hands-down the weakest spot on the team going into the season. But it quickly stabilized to the point where it is two-deep at every position.

Cornerback Nashville Dyer, the leader of the group, had four interceptions last year. Free safety Shannon Davis emerged as a big-play defender as a true freshman when he recorded 97 tackles, intercepted two passes and returned a fumble 95 yards for a touchdown to seal a win over Ohio.

Placekicker Travis Mayle still has to prove it in the game, but during spring scrimmages he was accurate from all distances. Punting chores are solid in the hands of Jared Fritz (37.9 avg.), but Kent will be searching for a punt returner this fall.

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

FL	1 Joshua Bostick (Sr.)	80 DeMarkus Robinson (Fr.)
SE	81 Darrell Dowery Jr. (So.)	26 Darryl Moore (Jr.)
LT	63 Chad Bandiera (So.)	72 Jason Andrews (So.)
LG	61 Shaun Sarrett (Jr.)	78 Daniel Carter (Fr.)
C	52 Steve Smith (Jr.)	72 Jason Andrews (So.)
RG	70 Kevin Jamieson (Sr.)	75 Joshua VerHoeve (Jr.)
RT	62 Joel Reikowski (Sr.)	72 Jason Andrews (So.)
TE	86 Brycen Erbe (Sr.)	84 Neil Buckosh (Jr.)
QB	9 Joshua Cribbs (So.)	14 Darryl Polk (So.)
FB	36 Charles Newton (So.)	34 James Ruggiero (Jr.)
TB	7 David Alston (Jr.)	27 Antonio King (So.)

Defense (8)

DE	2 Shawn Armstead (Sr.)	41 Nate Wesley (So.)
DT	51 Roy Attieh (Sr.)	96 Tom Crock (Jr.)
DT	67 Alan Williams (Jr.)	69 Daryl Evans (Jr.)
DE	48 Pierre Wilson (Sr.)	91 John Nurczyk (Sr.)
LB	1 Anthony Henriquez (Jr.)	57 Bryan Weiss (Sr.)
LB	42 Josh Chilcote (Jr.)	53 Jeff Jensen (Jr.)
LB	45 Justin Gatten (Sr.)	59 Eric Mahl (So.)
CB	18 Justin Baugham (Sr.)	21 Andre Ashley (So.)
CB	11 Nashville Dyer (Sr.)	47 Gary Magee (So.)
FS	20 Shannon Davis (So.)	23 Scott Booker (Sr.)
SS	25 Jacon Avery (Sr.)	31 Keith Roberts (So.)

Special Teams

K	98 Travis Mayle (Fr.)
P	97 Jared Fritz (Sr.)
KR	27 Antonio King (So.)
PR	27 Antonio King (So.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Dean Pees 2001 Record (MAC): 6-5 (5-3)
2002 Prediction: 4th MAC East Dix Stadium (30,520)



North Texas

mean green

NATIONAL
95
RANKING

North Texas enters the season with the swagger of champions and the hunger to prove they were worthy of last year's accolades.

Coach Darrell Dickey's Mean Green surprised everyone by winning the inaugural Sun Belt Conference Championship. But a loss to Colorado State in the New Orleans Bowl ended their season with an uninspiring

lead in rushing scores. If he's unable to answer the bell, redshirt freshman Andrew Smith will get the call.

As the running game went, so did the Mean Green. Last year they averaged more than 200 yards rushing in their victories, only 118 in their defeats. Kevin Galbreath returns after rushing for more than 1,000 yards. Any doubts about the Mean Green ground game were laid to rest when he burst out of the gate with 112 yards in the season-opener. Backup Patrick Cobbs, who is of similar stature and style, led all Sun Belt freshmen in rushing.

George Marshall's first two seasons in Denton were unremarkable but he blossomed into a significant big-play receiver last year. He's good for a TD every 2.9 times he catches the ball and he led the conference in TD receptions and yards per catch. Ja'Mel Branch and Kevin Howard are speedy but at 5'7" and 5'8" respectively, are hard to find in a crowd.

Tight ends Jeff Muenchow (back) and Randy Gardner (knee) are looking forward to injury-free seasons.

After losing the first five games, Dickey made a change to the offensive line and the Mean Green

responded with five consecutive conference victories. The entire unit returns intact. The right side is stellar with a pair of All-Sun Belt picks: tackle J.R. Randle and guard Nick Zuniga. Jonah Bense transferred in as a center but started the final seven games at left guard, alongside tackle Matt Turney. Andy Brewster returns at center after starting every game as a redshirt freshman.

Defensive tackles Brandon Kennedy and Chris McIver are back after starting all 12 games. Kennedy is regarded as the team's best defensive player and at 5'10", 325 he presents a serious match-up problem for most opponents. He has the ability to dominate the line of scrimmage.

Ends Adrian Awason and Darrell Daniels both have size and are excellent pass rushers. Awason got by on raw talent as a true freshman. With a year of experience, look for him to have a breakout year. Daniels, who is new to the

lineup, came off the bench to lead the team in sacks.

Cody Spencer will be the most watched man on the team. He moves to middle linebacker where he replaces Brad Kassell, the Sun Belt Defensive Player of the Year. But Spencer is known for great pursuit and led the team in tackles. Taylor Casey has a lock on one of the two remaining jobs. Chris Hurd has the inside track on the other.

All-conference selections Craig Jones and Jonas Buckles comprise the best safety tandem in the league. Jones registered double-digit tackles in four games. Buckles missed two games with a broken hand but led the conference with .56 interceptions per game.

Corners Don McGee and Walter Priestley return after starting every game. McGee is a big-play threat who has good hands and plays the ball well.

Brad Kadlubar takes over the punting and kicking duties from first team all-conference selection Jason Ball.

The top two return specialists are back in the lineup. Ty Jackson will be deep for punts while Ja'Mel Branch will field kickoffs, with help from Patrick Cobbs.



North Texas SID

Kevin Galbreath

mark of 5-7. The goal this year is to play more like the team that won five consecutive games, and less like the one that dropped its first five. With 19 starters returning, a winning season is likely, as is another run at the conference title.

21

Last year the Mean Green were a perfect 5-0 when scoring more than 21 points. They were winless when scoring less.

No one doubts quarterback Scott Hall's powerful right arm. His gimpy left knee is another matter. Hall played the last four games with a torn ACL that required off-season surgery. He skipped spring practice but is expected to be ready in August.

Last year Hall's passing yardage was up by more than 50 percent and he nearly tripled his number of TD tosses from six to 17. He's also a threat afoot, having tied for the team

Depth Chart

Offense (11)

WR 80 Kevin Howard (Jr.)	34 Ja'Mel Branch (So.)
WR 6 George Marshall (Sr.)	8 Michael Thrash (Jr.)
RT 76 J.R. Randle (Sr.)	71 Brandon Hooks (Jr.)
RG 77 Nick Zuniga (Jr.)	64 Jason May (Fr.)
C 57 Andy Brewster (So.)	70 Ian Hobbs (Jr.)
LG 60 Jonah Bense (Sr.)	54 Jonathan Jusiewicz (So.)
LT 78 Matt Turney (Sr.)	59 James Thaggard (Fr.)
TE 89 Jeff Muenchow (Sr.)	88 Randy Gardner (Jr.)
QB 11 Scott Hall (Jr.)	12 Andrew Smith (Fr.)
FB 7 Andy Blount (So.)	3 Michael Hickmon (Sr.)
RB 5 Kevin Galbreath (Sr.)	43 Patrick Cobbs (So.)

Defense (8)

DE 58 Darrell Daniels (Sr.)	44 Tommy Harrison (So.)
DT 92 Brandon Kennedy (Jr.)	97 John Ryan (Sr.)
DT 98 Chris McIver (Sr.)	95 Evan Cardwell (So.)
DE 85 Adrian Awason (So.)	53 Trey Davis (Sr.)
LB 4 Taylor Casey (Jr.)	86 Lee Clay (Fr.)
LB 48 Cody Spencer (Jr.)	24 Justin Claborn (Jr.)
LB 17 Chris Hurd (Jr.)	24 Justin Claborn (Jr.)
CB 20 Don McGee (Sr.)	9 Dominique Mackey (So.)
CB 18 Walter Priestley (So.)	10 Jeremy Pearl (Jr.)
SS 22 Craig Jones (Jr.)	2 Markeith Knowlton (So.)
FS 1 Jonas Buckles (So.)	38 Ben Miller (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 35 Brad Kadlubar (So.)
P 35 Brad Kadlubar (So.)
KR 34 Ja'Mel Branch (So.)
PR 23 Ty Jackson (Jr.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Darrell Dickey
2002 Prediction: 2nd Sun Belt

2001 Record (Sun Belt): 5-7 (5-1)
Fouts Field (30,500)



Wyoming cowboys

NATIONAL
96
RANKING

For the Wyoming Cowboys, there hasn't been much to celebrate lately. In the two-year Vic Koenning era, Wyoming has lost 19 of 22 games, including all 14 Mountain West Conference contests. Injuries have wreaked havoc. Home attendance has dropped. Frustrated fans have called for Koenning's dismissal.

In 2002, though, Koenning wants the neg-

The Cowboys use a one-back set. The problem has been finding that one back. This year, Derek Armah will be the man on the spot. In two seasons, however, Armah has yet to show why Koenning has so much faith in him. Beyond Armah, Wyoming has little experience. Kit Bradshaw, junior college transfer Reymon Murphy and redshirt freshman C.R. Davis are all unproven options.

The Cowboys are loaded at wide receiver. With Ryan McGuffey, Malcom Floyd, Brock Ralph and Scottie Vines on the perimeter, Wyoming is a tough team to defend.

McGuffey, who ranked No. 8 in the nation in receptions last year, is the true star of the group. Yet defenses can't afford to pay too much attention to him, or else another of the Cowboys' quality receivers will burn them for big yardage.

"We have the best receivers in the conference. I'll go on record as saying that," says passing game coordinator Rob Phenicie.

Tight end, unlike years past, figures to be crucial to the Cowboys' success. Marshall Schaap and Scott Sorensen are both viable options in the passing game.

Senior tackles Adam Goldberg and Rob Keller-

man are the anchors of an offensive line that must keep opposing defenses away from Bramlet.

Goldberg, a first-team All-Mountain West selection last year, is as good as any lineman in the conference. And Kellerman made great strides last season. It'll be up to center Trenton Franz, who showed promise as a freshman, and guards Henry Randle and Isaac Morales to do the rest.

Simply put, Wyoming's defensive front was bullied last season. The Cowboys allowed 2,710 rushing yards — an average of 246.4 per game — and were consistently pushed off the ball.

Another year of experience should help projected starters Josh Rollins, Brandon Casavan, Chad Beuhler and Jon Aimone. So should a few extra pounds.

Casavan has bulked up from 240 two years ago to 285, while Beuhler added nearly 15 pounds of muscle during the off-season.

There's a hole to fill at middle linebacker following the graduation of Leo Caires, who led the Cowboys with 101 tackles in 2001. But Herman White and Tyler Gottschalk appear capable of filling the void. Depth could be an issue, however. After John Wilson, who figures to serve as White's backup, the Cowboys are very thin.

Thanks to an influx of talent from the junior college ranks and a simpler defensive scheme, Koenning is certain the Cowboys will be more effective in the secondary.

Rover Jacque Finn, only a junior, is Wyoming's most experienced player in the secondary. He's also the team's leading returning tackler. Two other starters — cornerback Gary Wright and safety Guy Tuell — are sophomores and another, safety Armand Woodson, is a junior college transfer. The other projected starter at cornerback, Roderick Jackson, made just nine tackles in 2001.

Kicker Jarvis Wallum and punter Luke Donovan are among the most reliable players on the team. Wallum converted 20-of-23 field goals and ranked seventh in the Mountain West in total scoring. Donovan dropped 21 of his 57 kicks inside the opponent's 20-yard line.



Tim Jackson

Casey Bramlet

ativity to stop. "We feel like we've been fighting an uphill battle ... but we can't sit here and dwell on the negatives," he says. "We're tired of hearing that we can't do this and we can't do that. It's up to us now to go out and prove we're better."

519

In head coach Vic Koenning's two seasons, the Cowboys have allowed 519 points in Mountain West Conference play — 37.1 points per game.

There are several question marks about this Wyoming team, but quarterback isn't one of them. Casey Bramlet, who engineered the 15th-ranked passing offense in the nation last season, is arguably the top signal-caller in the Mountain West. And Bramlet, stronger and smarter than a year ago, has barely tapped his potential. "He was a lot better last year than he was the year before," Koenning says. "And he'll be even better this year."

Depth Chart

Offense (10)

WR 85 Ryan McGuffey (Jr.)	9 Jovon Bouknight (Fr.)
WR 18 Leonard Jones (Jr.)	13 Dustin Pleasant (Fr.)
WR 80 Brock Ralph (Sr.)	83 Scottie Vines (Sr.)
WR 88 Malcom Floyd (Jr.)	81 Sean Bowman (So.)
LT 74 Adam Goldberg (Sr.)	59 David Gough (So.)
LG 66 Isaac Morales (So.)	72 Rano Sasa (Jr.)
C 70 Trenton Franz (So.)	64 Mike Irvin (Sr.)
RG 76 Henry Randle (Jr.)	73 Tim Riley (So.)
RT 79 Rob Kellerman (Sr.)	68 Brandon Avery (Fr.)
TE* 82 Marshall Schaap (Jr.)	93 Scott Sorensen (Sr.)
QB 14 Casey Bramlet (Jr.)	11 J.J. Raterink (So.)
RB 28 Derek Armah (Jr.)	32 Kit Bradshaw (So.)

Defense (6)

DE 99 Josh Rollins (Sr.)	90 Casey Adams (Jr.)
DT 97 Chad Beuhler (Sr.)	62 Jacob Bonde (So.)
DT 91 Brandon Casavan (Jr.)	58 Tam Pruitt (Sr.)
DE 95 Jon Aimone (Sr.)	55 Zach Morris (So.)
LB 54 Herman White (Sr.)	52 John Wilson (Sr.)
LB 47 Tyler Gottschalk (Jr.)	15 Ryan Zodda (Jr.)
Rov 7 Jacque Finn (Jr.)	4 Jay McNeal (So.)
CB 30 Gary Wright (So.)	1 Stephon King (Fr.)
CB 2 Roderick Jackson (Jr.)	8 Chris Dixon (Jr.)
FS 24 Armand Woodson (Jr.)	3 Nate Young (Jr.)
SS 29 Guy Tuell (So.)	26 Tom Vincent (So.)

Special Teams

K 41 Jarvis Wallum (Sr.)
P 46 Luke Donovan (Jr.)
KR 83 Scottie Vines (Sr.)
PR 83 Scottie Vines (Sr.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters

BOLD indicates returning starters

*The 12 offensive positions represent Wyoming's multiple formations

Head Coach: Vic Koenning
2002 Prediction: 8th MWC

2001 Record (MWC): 2-9 (0-7)
War Memorial Stadium (33,500)



Troy State trojans

NATIONAL
97
RANKING

Troy State lines up with 16 returning starters this fall, all but one of whom is a senior. One hopes they are as poised as they are experienced, because the Trojans play eight of their 11 games away from home.

Such is life for a team entering its second season as a full-fledged member of Division I-A. Last year Troy State represented itself well, winning seven games against a schedule that

Three running backs, all of whom will see action, vie for the job vacated by all-star Demontray Carter. LeBarron Black held the job after spring drills. He's a blue-collar worker with 1,000 career rushing yards to his credit. Big and bruising DeWhitt Betterson ran for 96 yards against Miami. Jermaine Richardson is quick and explosive like Carter but lacks experience.

Heyward Skipper is the top wide receiver returnee and a big-play threat. Known for running precision routes, he should be Bearden's primary option. Opposite Skipper is Jason Samples, who was second on the team in catches and receiving yards as a true freshman.

Drew Amerson will start at one slot position after transferring from Cal State-Northridge, which dropped its football program.

Last year's offensive line had just one returning starter. This year, the entire line returns intact. Tackles Stan Curington and Branden Hall are all-star candidates who played more than 85 percent of the snaps last year. Curington has the most experience and led the team with 32 knockdowns. Hall is the more talented. Center Trent Garmon had off-season shoulder surgery but is

expected to be full speed in the fall. Guards Robin Lee and Rodney Jordan started every game. Jordan also saw work at center in place of Garmon during spring practice.

There are two key question marks concerning the health of the defensive line. Starting left end Shelton Felton and starting defensive tackle Davern Williams missed spring practice while recovering from knee and shoulder injuries, respectively. Shelton led the team with 11 tackles for a loss in a reserve role. Williams is the line's emotional leader.

Whether it's rushing the quarterback or knocking down passes, right end Osi Umenyiora is always near the action. Noserackle Jose Gamboa also returns.

Significant holes must be filled in the linebacking corps, where two starters and a key backup have departed. Middle linebacker Naazir Yamini, a senior, is the only returning starter. He led the team in tack-

les in 2000 and was second last season.

Gordon Williams has won the starting job on the weak side. He's appeared in 31 games but none as a starter. On the strong side, DeLoise Moore, a former running back and strong safety, was the biggest surprise of the spring.

The most difficult task in the secondary is finding enough playing time for all the qualified talent. Right corner Rayshaun Reed was an All-Independent selection. He has great instincts and is well-rounded in all phases. Freeman White is on the left corner where he excels in man coverage.

Free safety Derrick Ansley is fully recovered from a knee injury he suffered two years ago and is poised to return to the starting lineup. Damien Coleman started the final five games last year as a true freshman.

At the conclusion of spring practice, specialist jobs were still being kicked around. Drew Boteler gets a tentative nod for place-kicking duties, though Matt Munyon, a transfer from Florida State, has a stronger leg. Roger Ridgeway lost his punting job to Jeremy Schatz at midseason, but Schatz left the team at the end of the year.

Depth Chart

Offense (9)

WR 5 Jason Samples (So.)	80 Chad Lucas (Jr.)
WR 3 Heyward Skipper (Sr.)	81 Thomie Venisee (Sr.)
SL 83 Eric Felton (Sr.)	2 Chris Day (Jr.)
SL* 1 Drew Amerson (Sr.)	22 Blake Broadhurst (Fr.)
RT 76 Branden Hall (Jr.)	73 James Edwards (Fr.)
RG 55 Rodney Jordan (Sr.)	70 Donnie Bostian (So.)
C 57 Trent Garmon (Sr.)	59 Lee Milliner (So.)
LG 61 Robin Lee (Sr.)	67 Lee Walls (Sr.)
LT 71 Stan Curington (Sr.)	60 Henry Tellis (So.)
TE 86 Cedric Phillips (Jr.)	40 Jonathan Tomlin (Sr.)
QB 18 Hansell Bearden (So.)	7 Matt Ray (Jr.)
RB 33 LeBarron Black (Sr.)	9 DeWhitt Betterson (So.)

Defense (7)

DE 99 Shelton Felton (Sr.)	94 Demarcus Ware (So.)
DT 96 Davern Williams (Sr.)	91 Torre Lankford (Fr.)
NT 93 Jose Gamboa (Sr.)	42 Byron Knight (Sr.)
DE 72 Osi Umenyiora (Sr.)	92 Jamaal Holt (So.)
LB 28 DeLoise Moore (Sr.)	35 Keith Staple (Fr.)
LB 46 Naazir Yamini (Sr.)	30 Leverne Johnson (Fr.)
LB 11 Gordon Williams (Sr.)	50 Bernard Davis (Fr.)
CB 16 Rayshun Reed (Sr.)	8 Johnny Faulk (Fr.)
CB 24 Freeman White (Jr.)	3 Jermaine Miller (Fr.)
SS 4 Damien Coleman (So.)	38 David Philyaw (Sr.)
FS 10 Derrick Ansley (So.)	27 Deiric Jackson (Sr.)

Special Teams

K 12 Drew Boteler (So.)
P 20 Roger Ridgeway (Sr.)
KR 87 Drew Amerson (Sr.)
PR 3 Heyward Skipper (Sr.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters

BOLD indicates returning starters

*The 12 offensive positions represent Troy State's multiple formations.

Head Coach: Larry Blakeney

2001 Record: 7-4

Richard M. Scrushy Field (17,500)



Troy State SID

Heyward Skipper

included Miami, Nebraska and Maryland.

Look for a similar performance in 2002, and perhaps another upset like the one scored at Mississippi State.

78.3

Last year, two Troy State players — Brock Nutter and Demontray Carter — accounted for 78.3 percent of TSU's total offense. Both players have graduated.

Hansell Bearden takes over at quarterback for standout four-year starter Brock Nutter. In mop-up action, Bearden threw more interceptions than TDs. But with a big arm, good vision and a solid cast of targets, Bearden figures to excel in a scheme that features four receivers in its base set. Should he falter, well-traveled Matt Ray is in town. Ray is at his fourth stop in a career that saw him start three games for UNLV in 1999.

New Mexico State head coach Tony Samuel has built a program that last year came within seven points of winning the Sun Belt.

But with only nine starters returning, the Aggies have a lot of rebuilding to do. "We're a young team and our rate of improvement needs to be big each week," Samuel says.

A former Nebraska star, Samuel employs

But Pierce is clearly ahead of both of them.

I-Back Walter Taylor is the top returnee and most experienced back. He's also a proven performer in big games — 117 yards against nationally ranked Arizona State as a freshman and 113 yards against Texas last year — with breakaway speed. Three players turned heads during spring drills. Tony Bostic gets a chance after seeing limited action last year, as does Curtis Snowton. Tony Irions, a high school standout from Lincoln, Neb. will also get a chance to perform. Marcus Dixon returns after starting the season finale at fullback.

P.J. Winston and H.B. Briscoe are initial candidates for starting receiver jobs. Winston is a two-year starter and all-conference candidate. He led the team in receptions in each of the last two seasons and has at least one reception in 18 consecutive games. He is particularly productive on shorter routes but can be a deep-ball threat. Briscoe caught at least one pass in 11 games last year.

Alex Davis is a two-year starter at tight end who leads returning players in yards per catch.

The offensive line is one of the nation's beefiest. It is also one of the most tenacious, allowing only 13 sacks all

season, including just three in conference play. Team leader Shalimar Jackson has started 24 consecutive games at left guard. On the right side, Steve Mascorro moved into the starting lineup for good after three games. Oft-injured Steve Subia and Terry Givens both saw considerable playing time last year. Center B.J. Van Briesen started the last five games of '01.

The interior defensive linemen can cause problems for any team in the Sun Belt. Nose tackle Joe Olivo was a first team all-conference selection as a sophomore; he led the Aggies in tackles for a loss and tied for the team lead in sacks. Tommy Laborin started all 12 games and is almost big enough to hang with the Aggies' O-line.

The Aggies are looking to replace both ends with Thomas Albrecht on the left side and Greg Scaffidi on the right emerging as the leading candidates. Both saw action last year with Scaffidi earning a couple of starts.

A mix of unproven returnees and junior college transfers will vie for starting linebacker jobs. The leading candidate in the middle, Simon Ocampo, turned in some quality performances last year but was withheld from spring contact drills due to an injury.

Returning letterman Travis Jones has the edge in a fierce battle at weak-side linebacker that includes Julmar Howard and junior college standout Richard Glover, Jr. On the strong side, transfer Tim Patrick, who missed last season with an injury, has the edge over Torrence Price and Sean Dade.

The Aggies are talented and experienced in the middle of the field. Strong safety Siddeeq Shabazz was named first team all-conference after tying for the league lead in tackles. Free safety Tyrone Gifford led the team in interceptions but is also a pass-rushing threat.

On the corners, Robert Candidate returns after missing last season with an injury. Darrell Bernard had an impressive season and was the first-team right corner during spring drills.

Placekicker Dario Aguiniga and punter Brian Copple return. Aguiniga was second-team All-Sun Belt and has connected on 16 of his last 23 field goal attempts.



Tim Clark/Athlon Sports

P.J. Winston

the Power I. He also employs five former Huskers on his staff, so the Aggies are led by men who know how to win.

Nebraska Lite, if you will.

And that's enough to place New Mexico State in the thick of the Sun Belt race.

340

True to his Cornhusker pedigree, Tony Samuel has assembled an offensive line that averages 340 pounds per man.

Buck Pierce, who can produce on the run or on the fly, replaces K.C. Enzminger at quarterback. Pierce's one drawback is that he did not see much game action last season.

Samuel vows that that this year's backup will gain experience. A pair of redshirt freshmen — Paul Dombrowski and South Florida transfer Carl Scaffidi — will challenge for the backup job with the winner seeing considerable action.

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

WR 19 P.J. Winston (Sr.)	27 Ronshay Jenkins (Jr.)
WR 7 H.B. Briscoe (Sr.)	18 Leon Oloya (Jr.)
LT 79 Terry Givens (Sr.)	66 Nick Mangosing (Jr.)
LG 75 Shalimar Jackson (Sr.)	61 Matt Sanchez (So.)
C 68 B.J. VanBriesen (Sr.)	71 Andy Dale (Jr.)
RG 63 Steve Subia (So.)	62 Brandon Chambers (So.)
RT 73 Steve Mascorro (Sr.)	60 Trevor Kline (Jr.)
TE 89 Alex Davis (Jr.)	88 Chris Gocke (Sr.)
QB 11 Buck Pierce (So.)	10 Paul Dombrowski (Fr.)
IB 22 Walter Taylor (Sr.)	23 Tony Bostic (Jr.)
FB 44 Marcus Dixon (Jr.)	36 Kermit Okamura (Jr.)

Defense (4)

RE 55 Thomas Albrecht (So.)	91 Jeremiah Lay (Jr.)
DT 99 Tommy Laborin (Jr.)	94 Jeremy Barth (Sr.)
NT 45 Joe Olivo (Jr.)	74 Lionel Apineru (So.)
RE 82 Greg Scaffidi (So.)	32 Traydell Bullock (So.)
LB 35 Tim Patrick (Jr.)	51 Torrence Price (So.)
LB 30 Simon Ocampo (So.)	42 Jimmy Cottrell (Fr.)
LB 53 Travis Jones (So.)	37 Richard Glover (Jr.)
CB 3 Robert Candidate (Sr.)	5 Matt Griebel (Fr.)
CB 26 Darrell Bernard (Sr.)	21 Jeremiah Imperial (Jr.)
FS 31 Tyrone Gifford (Sr.)	15 Nick Crawford (Sr.)
SS 28 Siddeeq Shabazz (Sr.)	47 Lawrence McIntosh (Sr.)

Special Teams

K 12 Dario Aguiniga (Jr.)
P 16 Brian Copple (Sr.)
KR 27 Ronshay Jenkins (Jr.)
PR 27 Ronshay Jenkins (Jr.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Tony Samuel 2001 Record (Sun Belt): 5-7 (4-2)
2002 Prediction: 3rd Sun Belt Aggie Memorial Stadium (30,343)



Army cadets

NATIONAL
99
RANKING

Since joining Conference USA in 1998, Army has simply fought to keep out of the cellar. They've averaged 1.5 conference wins per season and have a 1-12 league road record. The facility has had much to do with a lack of speed. But coach Todd Berry feels he's addressed that. "We have improved our team speed dramatically," he says.

Not only has he added team speed, but

and an excellent receiver. Holden, a physical runner who attacks the line of scrimmage with authority, averaged 6.2 yards per carry.

Wideout Aris Comeaux developed into an impact player last fall. He's physical, runs crisp routes and possesses speed. Clint Woody and Aaron Alexander will battle for the starting X receiver position. It's a spot where Berry places tall, rangy receivers, and Woody and Alexander, both 6'5", fit the description.

At the other receiver spot, Chris Pestel and Lamar Mason will compete. Pestel has soft hands and the ability to pick up yardage after the catch.

Tight end Alton McCallum, a converted running back, sat out last year to concentrate on academics. With his running back skills, strength and hands, he could be an impact player.

Veteran Craig Cunningham moves from right to left tackle, where he'll join left guard Aaron Burger to give Berry's new quarterback some peace of mind. A big, physical player, Cunningham can dominate the line of scrimmage. Burger has quick feet and moves well along the line. He also has a mean streak that the coaches love.

On the right side, guard Alex Moore returns after starting 10 of 11 games, and Jon Green is the leading candidate to start at right tackle. Moore pulls with efficiency, and Green has excellent size and strength. Mike Hastings gets the nod at center.

Army allowed a conference-low nine sacks a year ago, and during one five-week stretch last fall did not allow a sack.

Berry has a pair of defensive ends who he feels can be a factor in C-USA. Clarence Holmes played both end and tackle last season and excelled at both spots. He can dominate inside. Odene Brathwaite added 40 pounds while sitting out last season to concentrate on academics. The extra weight has not affected his speed; he still moves like the 230-pounder he was.

Defensive tackles Seth Langston and Paddy Heiliger are solid interior linemen. Langston has gradually played his way into a starting role. Heiliger is a physical player with a great work ethic.

Jason Frazier emerged as a big-play linebacker in the 4-4 scheme. A solid run-stop-

per and a hard-nosed tackler, he has a penchant for the big play. Greg Washington is expected to move into the other inside linebacker spot. Washington became a big-play performer, too. He is a smallish inside 'backer who is a tremendous athlete and flies to the ball. Converted quarterback Ryan Kent is slated to start at one of the two outside linebacker positions.

At the other outside spot, Mikel Resnick steps in. He has solid football instincts, hits with authority and is always around the ball.

Jonathan Lewis is a defensive back capable of an all-league year. He worked his way into the starting rotation late last year and is excellent in man coverage. Recruited as a wide receiver after playing QB in high school, Delente Brewer has an aggressive mentality and closes on the ball in a hurry.

Maurio Smith, a versatile defensive back, was moved from cornerback to free safety during the off-season. Smith is a 5'9" defender who is physical and enjoys contact.

Chris Castelli will take over the punting duties. Derek Jacobs became the first freshman in nearly two decades to handle the placekicking duties. He hit 8-of-11 field goals, including 5-of-7 from 30 yards or more.

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

WR 9 Aris Comeaux (Sr.)	18 William White (So.)
WR 81 Clint Woody (Jr.)	88 Aaron Alexander (So.)
WR 11 Chris Pestel (Sr.)	22 Lamar Mason (So.)
LT 79 Craig Cunningham (Sr.)	66 Brad Waudby (Jr.)
LG 70 Aaron Burger (Sr.)	61 Steve Schmidt (Sr.)
C 53 Mike Hastings (Sr.)	54 Josh Davis (Jr.)
RG 57 Alex Moore (Sr.)	60 Jake Holly (So.)
RT 65 Jon Green (Sr.)	62 Mark Conliffe (Jr.)
TE 33 Alton McCallum (Sr.)	84 Mike Schwartz (Sr.)
QB 7 Reggie Nevels (So.)	1 Corey Sherk (So.)
RB 34 Ardell Daniels (So.)	2 C.J. Young (Jr.)

Defense (6)

DE 99 Clarence Holmes (Sr.)	94 Will Sullivan (So.)
DT 96 Paddy Heiliger (Sr.)	78 Trey Landry (So.)
DT 67 Seth Langston (Sr.)	58 Brian Horvath (Sr.)
DE 95 Odene Brathwaite (So.)	91 Alan Maszarose (Sr.)
LB 4 Ryan Kent (Jr.)	38 Shane Radtke (Sr.)
LB 52 Jason Frazier (Sr.)	46 Mike Lennox (Sr.)
LB 31 Greg Washington (So.)	43 Joe Martinez (Sr.)
LB 33 Mikel Resnick (Jr.)	32 Brian Todd (Sr.)
CB 38 Jonathan Lewis (So.)	29 Mike Sehzuze (Sr.)
CB 37 Delente Brewer (So.)	13 Emiko Terry (Sr.)
FS 1 Maurio Smith (Sr.)	23 Martin Pierce (Sr.)

Special Teams

K 86 Derek Jacobs (So.)
P 47 Chris Castelli (Sr.)
KR 9 Aris Comeaux (Sr.)
PR 9 Aris Comeaux (Sr.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Todd Berry
2002 Prediction: 9th C-USA

2001 Record (C-USA): 3-8 (2-5)
Michie Stadium (39,929)



Allen Kee

Aris Comeaux

Berry may have also identified the quarterback he needs to run his multiple one-back set.

Reggie Nevels is a gifted athlete and dangerous scrambler, and he has a strong, accurate arm. If Nevels proves to be a quick study, Army may make the successful transition from the wishbone to the spread.

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Army ended the 2001 season with a minus-16 turnover ratio. The Cadets had 33 turnovers, including a league-high 21 interceptions.

Army is expected to go with a relative newcomer at running back, one who has the speed and quickness Berry covets. Ardell Daniels finished with 131 yards against Navy; he's an elusive runner with an explosive burst and has the speed to reach the corners and turn upfield.

C.J. Young and Josh Holden combined for 1,071 yards rushing in 2001. Young is durable



Navy midshipmen

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Navy's struggling football program hit rock bottom in 2001. The hapless Midshipmen went 0-10 — the worst record in school history — and suffered their fourth straight losing season.

Not surprisingly, the embarrassing showing cost coach Charlie Weatherbie his job. There was much rejoicing among the Navy faithful when first-year athletic director Chet Glad-

Weatherbie era. It's now time to find out if Candeto is for real. He is the only experienced quarterback in the program and clearly established himself as the No. 1 during spring drills.

Fullback is the key position in Johnson's spread offense and requires a player with multiple skills. Navy has a bunch of hard-nosed, grind-it-out types. Bryce McDonald is projected as the primary ball carrier after making four starts in 2001. The 217-pounder seemed to be hitting his stride with 42 yards on 10 carries against Air Force, but suffered injuries (broken right hand, sprained ankle) that limited him the final five games.

While the spread is a run-based, option-oriented attack, Johnson will not hesitate to throw the ball, and receiver is Navy's deepest skill position.

Chandler Sims is the leading returnee and has the size Johnson covets, since receivers must be effective blockers in the spread.

Undersized Dominic Bailey is a proven deep threat while sophomores Lionel Wesley, Brian Yarbrough and Amir Jenkins possess athleticism and speed.

Johnson utilizes the slots in a multitude of ways — on inside handoffs, pitches and short passes. Tony Lane is the only proven weapon coming off the edge, and Brad Tepper and Donnie Fricks are the only other slots with significant playing experience.

This offensive line figures to be a solid unit, as there are three returning starters and two backups who saw extensive action. Right tackle David Walsh, boasting a big frame and good feet, graded out decently while starting all 10 games in 2001. Left guard Grant Moody is another 10-game returning starter, and he has shown the speed to be able to pull and block defensive ends.

The Mids ranked 112th in the nation in rushing defense, allowing an average of 243 yards per game. New defensive coordinator Buddy Green is determined to turn that around and won't accept the annual excuse that Navy is just too undersized up front.

Senior right tackle Josh Brindel is on the

Lombardi Award watch list and will anchor the interior. He came on strong toward the end of 2001 and led all defensive linemen with 44 tackles, including a team-high seven for a loss.

Junior strong-side linebacker Eddie Carthan had a strong spring and showed the defensive staff he can be an impact player.

An injury to senior co-captain Jake Bowen forced Dustin Elliott to start at middle linebacker as a freshman. He burst onto the scene with a career-high 13 tackles and a forced fumble at Notre Dame then followed up with nine tackles and an interception in the season-finale against Army. Ben Mathews is the early favorite to start on the weak side.

The Mids ranked dead last in the nation in pass efficiency defense and were particularly susceptible to the deep ball.

Rover Lenter Thomas is easily the team's hardest hitter. He showed great closing speed and explosiveness in leading the team with 98 tackles, but he routinely bit on play action.

Junior Paul Clarkson became a starter at free safety late in the season and showed promise. Shalimar Brazier started every game at left cornerback and was playing at a high level by season's end.



Al Koobstra

Tony Lane

Johnson tabbed Paul Johnson as the school's 36th head football coach. Johnson was an assistant at Navy before becoming head coach at Georgia Southern, which he led to a 62-10 record and consecutive Division I-AA National Championships during a five-year tenure. In retrospect, many Navy fans wonder if Johnson was largely responsible for Navy's strong three-year run (21-13) from 1995-97 thanks to his innovative spread offense.

243 Navy allowed 243 yards rushing per game in 2001, ranking 112th among Division I-A teams.

Johnson recognizes that he faces a daunting task. Since George Welsh left for Virginia in 1981, Navy has suffered losing records in 17 of 20 seasons.

Craig Candeto came to Annapolis as perhaps the most highly touted recruit of the

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

WR 7 Chandler Sims (Sr.)	18 Lionel Wesley (So.)
LT 65 Derek Jaskowiak (Sr.)	79 Nick Wilson (So.)
LG 78 Grant Moody (Sr.)	61 Travis Peace (Sr.)
C 67 Shane Todd (Jr.)	66 Josh Goodin (Jr.)
RG 71 Matt Nye (Sr.)	72 Brett Cochrane (Sr.)
RT 77 David Walsh (Sr.)	60 Steve Mercer (Sr.)
WR 3 Dominic Bailey (Sr.)	4 Mike McLlray (Sr.)
SB 35 Brad Tepper (Sr.)	26 Scott Lieng (Jr.)
QB 11 Craig Candeto (Jr.)	6 Aaron Polanco (So.)
SB 21 Tony Lane (Jr.)	34 Eric Roberts (So.)
FB 24 Bryce McDonald (Sr.)	8 Cee Harris (Sr.)

Defense (7)

LE 95 Ralph Henry (Jr.)	94 Steve Adair (Jr.)
LT 99 Joey Owmbly (Sr.)	59 Kevin Schwind (Jr.)
RT 54 Josh Brindel (Sr.)	97 Andy Zetts (Sr.)
RE 96 Pete Beuttenmuller (Sr.)	47 Dan Person (Sr.)
LB 56 Eddie Carthan (Jr.)	21 Reggie Sealey (So.)
LB 55 Dustin Elliott (So.)	52 Andy Sinitiere (Jr.)
LB 50 Ben Mathews (Jr.)	48 Brian Stann (Sr.)
Rov 44 Lenter Thomas (Sr.)	25 Michawn Yuvienco (Sr.)
CB 16 Shalimar Brazier (Jr.)	31 Marcus Sanders (Jr.)
CB 23 Lavaughn Kelley (So.)	33 Clyde Clark (Sr.)
FS 20 Paul Clarkson (Jr.)	9 Justin Golsen (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 86 Eric Rolfs (Jr.)
P 82 John Skaggs (Jr.)
KR 21 Tony Lane (Jr.)
PR 4 Mike McLlray (Sr.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Paul Johnson

2001 Record: 0-10

Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium (30,000)

If experience wins football games, Duke — once again — is likely to struggle. The Blue Devils, who enter 2002 with 23 straight losses, have all of two seniors on the roster. "I wish we were a year older," coach Carl Franks says.

It's hard to imagine this group being much better. Duke allowed 5,412 total yards last year, an astonishing 492 per game. A defen-

sophomores — Chris Wispelwey, Adam Smith and Chris Dapolito, a transfer from Rutgers who becomes eligible this fall.

There is no better Blue Devil than tailback Chris Douglas. First in the ACC and seventh nationally last year in all-purpose yards, the speedy, shifty back will start the attack, although he would like to increase his yards per carry (3.9) from last year.

Fullback Alex Wade was the Blue Devils' second-leading rusher a year ago (249 yards), but Duke's attack doesn't call for the fullback very often, so Wade also serves as the backup tailback.

Bryant's two favorite targets — wideout Ben Erdeljac and tight end Mike Hart and — are gone so Bryant will have to focus on a pair of sophomores, Khary Sharpe and Lance Johnson. Reggie Love, back from a suspension and from the basketball team, has long appeared ready to break out as a pass catcher, and this could be the year he finally does.

The Devils completed spring drills without their best offensive lineman, tackle Drew Strojny, who had shoulder surgery following the season in December. Strojny started every game at left tackle in 2001, and his return will allow Christian

Mitchell, a part-time guard last year, to take over at right tackle. Rusty Wilson returns at right guard, but this is not a group that has worked much — or worked very well — together. Luke Bayer is listed as the starting center after sliding over from guard, where he split time with Daryl Lewis last year.

The overhaul of a defense that allowed 6.6 yards per play begins up front, where the Devils will go to a four-man front, a new formation with lots of new faces.

The idea is to get as much speed on the field as possible. So Micah Harris, for instance, moves from outside linebacker to end. Fellow end Shawn Johnson had perhaps the best spring of any defender. Tackle Matt Zielinski is big enough to plug holes, though his counterpart, Orrin Thompson, must keep his 6'7", 270-pound frame low to the ground to make an impact.

If there's a strength of this defense —

and all things are relative — it might be at linebacker. Ryan Fowler is the leading tackler and moves from the outside to the middle. Outside linebacker Jamyon Small is one of the few players who maintains his same position. But the group is still in flux.

The secondary is the weak point, and when Douglas took a pass and romped 30 yards on the opening play of the spring game, it didn't look a lot better. Terrell Smith started last year at strong safety, moved to cornerback, and is now back at safety. Free safety Alex Green is big enough to be a hard hitter, and he will likely beat out Anthony Roberts, who started the final five games a year ago.

The corners — John-Paul Kimbrough and Kenneth Stanford — aren't very imposing. The lack of skill and speed in the secondary makes it imperative the defensive front put some sort of pressure on quarterbacks.

Kicker Brent Garber is capable, though he only attempted nine field goals all of last year, making six. Punter Trey McDonald also returns for a team that averaged 6.5 punts per game. It would help if he improved on his 38.4-yard average. Douglas is one of the top return men in the nation.

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

WR 82 Lance Johnson (So.)	84 Reggie Love (Jr.)
LT 75 Drew Strojny (Jr.)	63 Jim Moravchik (Fr.)
LG 74 Daryl Lewis (Jr.)	61 Joe Boniewicz (So.)
C 70 Luke Bayer (Jr.)	78 Dan Mooney (So.)
RG 68 Rusty Wilson (Jr.)	73 Chris Best (Fr.)
RT 65 Christian Mitchell (So.)	73 Chris Best (Fr.)
TE 80 Nick Brzezinski (Jr.)	87 Calen Powell (So.)
QB 6 D. Bryant (Sr.)	10 Chris Wispelwey (So.)
TB 4 Chris Douglas (Jr.)	37 Alex Wade (Jr.)
FB 37 Alex Wade (Jr.)	40 Zach Novak (So.)
WR 2 Khary Sharpe (So.)	21 Senterrio Landrum (So.)

Defense (7)

DE 96 Shawn Johnson (Jr.)	97 David Martin (Fr.)
DT 35 Matt Zielinski (Jr.)	56 Cory Broadnax (So.)
DT 91 Orrin Thompson (So.)	98 Drew Ciepielinski (So.)
DE 55 Micah Harris (So.)	44 Chad Rice (So.)
LB 24 Jamyon Small (Sr.)	13 Giuseppe Aguanno (So.)
LB 27 Ryan Fowler (Jr.)	45 J.T. Cape (So.)
LB 53 Jim Scharrer (So.)	48 Phillip Alexander (So.)
CB 15 John-Paul Kimbrough (Fr.)	8 Jamin Pastore (Fr.)
CB 3 Kenneth Stanford (So.)	23 Brian Greene (Fr.)
S 25 Terrell Smith (Jr.)	41 Mark Thompson (Fr.)
S 17 Alex Green (So.)	42 Anthony Roberts (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 1 Brent Garber (Jr.)
P 18 Trey McDonald (So.)
KR 4 Chris Douglas (Jr.)
PR 2 Khary Sharpe (So.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Carl Franks 2001 Record (ACC): 0-11 (0-8)
2002 Prediction: 9th ACC Wallace Wade Stadium (33,941)



Rob Tringali Jr.

Chris Douglas

sive overhaul is just the start of what needs to change for this team to win even one game, let alone climb out of last in the ACC.

491

The Blue Devils allowed an ACC record-high 491 points last year — an average of 44.6 per game.

Franks claims that quarterback is one of his most stable positions, and that's saying something. Incumbent D. Bryant is one of the Devils' two seniors, a fifth-year guy who still has a tendency to force the ball into tight spots and has less-than-pinpoint accuracy. Bryant must improve on his 11-to-17 touch-down-to-interception ratio, and complete more than 48.7 percent of his passes.

Because this is a perennially rebuilding program, the backups are often just as important as the starters. But as spring practice ended, Franks hadn't decided who would be Bryant's backup. The options are three

Life after Emmett White begins this fall at Utah State. One of the nation's most versatile running backs has graduated, leaving third-year coach Mick Dennehy searching for a new go-to guy on offense.

The Aggie coach admits that White's departure is a concern, but overall he feels much better about his 2002 team, even though it will face another tough schedule as

most passing yards in a season at USU last year with 3,100. Should Fuentes have any trouble, fellow senior Jeff Crosbie is a more than capable backup. Crosbie started 17 straight games before an injury gave Fuentes the job early in the 2000 season.

There are some mighty big shoes to fill at tailback. David Fiefia has the inside track to replace White, but Roger Fernandez, the fastest of the bunch, and redshirt freshman Richard Watson are battling for time in the one-back system. "David is way ahead of anybody right now, but he's still not as clean as he needs to be," Dennehy says.

Fiefia spent a season starting at receiver and was White's backup last year. He rushed for 116 yards against Fresno State in the only extended time he saw.

All-America wideout Kevin Curtis, who topped the 100-yard mark nine times in 2001, will draw plenty of attention, which is all right with him. He believes his teammates will do just fine if left open. The coach is even smiling for the first time about his receiving corps after calling attention to how bad the group was when he first arrived. Chris Stallworth (33 catches) and Gary Coleman (36 catches) should help Curtis enjoy another big year.

Tight ends Casey Poppinga and Chris Cooley are back, but combined for just six receptions last year.

Three offensive line starters were lost, but four players return who have started at least two games in their careers. Tackle Jim Newton (22 consecutive starts) will anchor the line. Guard Luis Trujillo and tackle Brenen Burningham were holding down positions by the end of last season. Junior Aric Galliano redshirted last year and should start at center. Junior college transfers Trevor Hutton and Greg Vandermade will battle for the other guard position.

There was some improvement last fall on defense — but not enough. The Aggies finished 105th in the nation in total defense, allowing 462.3 yards and 38.3 points per game. The biggest question mark on the team is the defensive line. Four lettermen are gone and a fifth,

end Nate Putnam, is questionable with a shoulder injury. Dennehy does believe this unit is deeper than in years past, just inexperienced. Tackles Ronald Tupea and Jorge Tapia, who started all 11 games a year ago, should anchor the middle. The other end position will be filled by sophomore Jeremy Guenter.

Middle linebacker Jesse Busta brings plenty of experience to the linebacking corps. He led the team in tackles (100) and was second in tackles for a loss (13). Rodney Wilson and Robert Watts combined for 10 starts last year and will play on the outside.

The secondary has been plagued with injuries and has had a rough time stopping big plays. Cornerback Ade Jimoh is a two-year starter. Mark Estelle and Andre Bala are fighting for the other cornerback spot. Derrek Shank, Jamar Glasper and Bryan Jackson all saw action at safety.

Steve Mullins is the leading returning punter in the nation. He ranked fourth a year ago, averaging a school-record 44.8 yards. Dane Kidman is back to handle the place-kicking duties after hitting 7-of-13 field goals in 2001.



Utah State SID

Kevin Curtis

one of the few Division I independents. USU won just four games a year ago, but did hold leads in 10 of the 11 games on a schedule which featured five teams that received bowl bids.

9.1

Wide receiver Kevin Curtis, a former junior college transfer, led the nation with an average of 9.1 receptions per game in 2001.

Still, the coach has high hopes for this fall. "We're by no stretch of the imagination going to challenge for a BCS bowl, but we have come a long ways," Dennehy says. They will see how far right away with games against Utah, Nebraska, Iowa and BYU in the first six weeks of the season.

With 20 straight starts under his belt, quarterback Jose Fuentes enters his senior season with plenty of experience. He had the third-

Depth Chart

Offense (4)

WR 3 Kevin Curtis (Sr.)	11 Donta' Candler (So.)
WR 9 Gary Coleman (Sr.)	84 Brian Majors (Fr.)
WR 15 Chris Stallworth (Jr.)	82 Brandon McFee (Fr.)
LT 79 Jim Newton (Sr.)	63 Donald Penn (Fr.)
LG 78 Luis Trujillo (Sr.)	60 Ryan Gunstream (Fr.)
C 59 Aric Galliano (Jr.)	56 Mike Scheper (Sr.)
RG 63 Trevor Hutton (Jr.)	77 Greg Vandermade (Jr.)
RT 65 Brenen Burningham (So.)	74 Grant Calverley (Jr.)
TE 89 Chris Cooley (Jr.)	81 Casey Poppinga (Sr.)
QB 13 Jose Fuentes (Sr.)	7 Jeff Crosbie (Sr.)
TB 39 David Fiefia (Jr.)	28 Roger Fernandez (So.)

Defense (6)

DE 99 Jeremy Guenter (So.)	94 Jim Fackrell
DT 92 Ronald Tupea (So.)	64 Clint McKell (Fr.)
DT 73 Jorge Tapia (Jr.)	70 James Robinson (So.)
DE 91 Nate Putnam (Jr.)	51 Justin Jackson (Jr.)
LB 30 Robert Watts (So.)	46 Jared Johnston (Fr.)
LB 56 Jesse Busta (Sr.)	8 Nathan Dandridge (So.)
LB 49 Rodney Wilson (Jr.)	24 D.J. Brooker (So.)
CB 2 Mark Estelle (Jr.)	26 Andre Bala (So.)
CB 10 Ade Jimoh (Sr.)	20 Jerome Dennis (So.)
S 25 Derrek Shank (Jr.)	22 Bryan Jackson (Jr.)
S 4 Jamar Glasper (Sr.)	36 Ross Luna (So.)

Special Teams

K 87 Dane Kidman (Sr.)
P 12 Steve Mullins (Sr.)
KR 28 Roger Fernandez (So.)
PR 28 Roger Fernandez (So.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Mick Dennehy

2001 Record: 4-7
Romney Stadium (30,257)



What's that old saying about going from the penthouse to the out-house?

UTEP head coach Gary Nord knows the feeling all too well. Nord made quite a splash his first year in El Paso in 2000, directing the Miners to an 8-4 record and a share of their first-ever WAC football title en route to conference Coach of the Year honors. But 2001

intelligence and leadership. His shortcoming has been his accuracy, but he played an option-style offense in high school. I still think he has a chance to be really special."

Sophomore Omar Duarte and freshman Orlando Cruz, who Nord says has "exceptional arm strength," back up Schaper.

Senior Sherman Austin, who Nord says has the potential to be an All-WAC player, returns at tailback and will be backed up by sophomore speedster Howard Jackson. A 2002 WAC Indoor co-Freshman of the Year in track and field, Jackson had 199 yards rushing in UTEP's final two games of the season. "He's one of the fastest kids in the country," Nord says. "He can break a long run from anywhere on the field."

Junior Rovann Cleveland, one of the strongest players on the team with a 460-pound bench press, will handle the blocking chores at fullback.

Of the returning wide receivers, only senior Terrance Minor has played more than one year of Division I football. Nord is hoping some talented underclassmen — sophomores Dirk Dillard and Will Smith and redshirt freshmen Chris Francies and Aaron Givens — will be able

to step up. UTEP's go-to receiver very well could be tight end Jonas Crafts, who had 10 receptions in five games as a freshman before breaking his foot at Alabama.

Senior left tackle Ariel Famaligi, who has started 34 of his 35 college games, returns to anchor the offensive line. Junior Trey Darilek, a two-year starter, returns at right tackle, and junior center Chris Kerr should be able to help strengthen the middle. Junior Robert Clayton returns at right guard while fifth-year senior Keith Warren and redshirt freshman Jose Garcia are competing for the left guard position.

Nord believes the defensive line could be the deepest area of his team. Of the eight defensive linemen who played in the 2000 Humanitarian Bowl, seven are still with the Miners. A big key will be the health of senior tackle Bobby King, who missed the entire 2001 season with a back injury but was a major force on the 2000 championship squad. King will battle

junior Dan Kerr for the starting spot. Juniors Sam Clarke and Jeremy Castillo return to share time at right tackle. Both defensive ends, seniors Karmul High and Rick Fette, return.

In the 4-2-5, the Miners use only two linebackers, and both starters return in Robert Rodriguez, who led the WAC in tackles with 137 and earned Freshman All-America honors, and senior Camar Jackson

Senior free safety D.J. Walker, a two-time All-WAC choice, returns to start for his third consecutive season. He has 12 career interceptions, tied for third in school history.

Nord says senior left cornerback Weldon Cooks could be the Miners' top NFL prospect. Junior Mark Dowdy returns at strong safety while junior Tim Woodard, who had five interceptions in his first season as a starter, returns at rover. Jahmal Fenner is the favorite at right cornerback.

Punter Bryce Benekos and placekicker Keith Robinson both return after starting as freshmen a year ago. Benekos averaged just 34.5 yards per punt last season but had 14 downed inside the 20. Robinson converted six of his 10 field goals and 27 of his 28 PATs.

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

SE 82 Terrance Minor (Sr.)	81 Chris Francies (Fr.)
LT 55 Ariel Famaligi (Sr.)	75 Robert Espinosa (So.)
LG 74 Keith Warren (Sr.)	79 Jose Garcia (Fr.)
C 52 Chris Kerr (Jr.)	60 Bo Morris (So.)
RG 53 Robert Clayton (Jr.)	64 Ben Graniello (So.)
RT 77 Trey Darilek (Jr.)	75 Robert Espinosa (So.)
TE 83 Jonas Crafts (So.)	89 Justin Hunt (Jr.)
FL 35 Dirk Dillard (So.)	80 Will Smith (So.)
QB 8 Jon Schaper (So.)	7 Omar Duarte (So.)
FB 5 Rovann Cleveland (Jr.)	39 Jimmy Smith (So.)
TB 3 Sherman Austin (Sr.)	4 Howard Jackson (So.)

Defense (10)

DE 44 Karmul High (Sr.)	95 Jeremy Evenhus (Jr.)
DT 57 Dan Kerr (Jr.)	99 Bobby King (Sr.)
DT 71 Sam Clarke (Jr.)	69 Jeremy Castillo (Jr.)
DE 94 Rick Fette (Sr.)	98 Gabe Williams (Sr.)
LB 43 Robert Rodriguez (So.)	33 Bubba Wiseman (Sr.)
LB 25 Camar Jackson (Sr.)	86 Godwin Akinduro (So.)
Rov 11 Tim Woodard (Jr.)	26 Matt Elwood (So.)
CB 15 Weldon Cooks (Sr.)	9 Jared Robertson (Jr.)
CB 6 Jahmal Fenner (So.)	17 Brandon Yaites (So.)
FS 16 D.J. Walker (Sr.)	18 Marshall Sanford (Fr.)
SS 14 Mark Dowdy (Jr.)	22 Paul Smith (Sr.)

Special Teams

K 38 Keith Robinson (So.)
P 48 Bryce Benekos (So.)
KR 6 Jahmal Fenner (So.)
PR 6 Jahmal Fenner (So.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Gary Nord
2002 Prediction: 7th WAC

2001 Record (WAC): 2-9 (1-7)
Sun Bowl (51,500)

Jon Schaper

was a season to forget for the Miners, who finished with a 2-9 record and ended the year with a seven-game losing streak.

The good news in 2002 for the Miners is that 16 starters return, eight of them seniors.

234.5

The Miner defense allowed 234.5 rushing yards per game in 2001. That ranked 110th nationally and last in the WAC.

Sophomore quarterback Jon Schaper started one game during an erratic freshman campaign that saw him complete just 41.7 percent of his passes with five interceptions and no touchdowns. Still, Nord believes Schaper has the potential to be a top-notch quarterback. "He's got all kinds of athletic ability," Nord says of the 6'2", 210-pounder. "He has everything you look for in a quarterback in terms of size, speed, arm strength,



Things will be slightly out of the ordinary on offense for the 2002 Rice Owls. Known as a ground-oriented team, the Owls may take flight in 2002.

Don't worry — they will continue to run their standard flex-bone system. But believe it or not, head coach Ken Hatfield has some ideas about putting the ball in the air more often than in the past. "We feel like we have

players who helped the school finish second in the nation in rushing a year ago. Vince Hawkins, known for his durability, will play a pivotal role in the two-halfback system. Clint Hatfield and Sean White are the other two running backs that will help carry the load.

The Owls have depth at fullback, which is important to their ground attack. Robbie Beck (634 yards in '01) is the returning starter, and at 5'10", 220 pounds, he is able to create gaping holes in the defense. Second-year man Ed Bailey will also pound through the line for yards.

In years past, the Owls' receivers have not been much of a factor in an offensive system that prides itself on running the ball. This season, however, that should change.

Rice's top receiver from last year, Gavin Boothe, is back for his junior campaign. Boothe has great hands and has a knack for finding the ball in a crowd. The man who was slated to be the starting quarterback in 2001, Hurd is now healthy and has been moved to the receiver slot. Marcus Battle is the third receiver and enjoyed a productive spring.

A lot is riding on a relatively untested offensive line. They will be asked to protect the quarterback and open holes for the ground game. This

group may lack experience, but they have good size; the average weight approaches 300 pounds.

Left guard Keith Meyer, the only returning starter, is a strong blocker with nimble feet. Chris DeMunbrun will take over at left tackle. The right guard spot will be a toss-up between Clint Crisp and Mike Holman, who started six games at Stanford before transferring to Rice. Center Ben Stephens and right tackle Greg Wilson round out the line.

Defensive end Brandon Green enjoyed a breakthrough season in 2001, when he set conference and school records for both sacks (with 12) and tackles for a loss (21). Playing at the other end is Nick Sabula, a strong pass rusher who started one game last fall. B.J. Fergusson, a fleet-footed tackle who didn't play last season due to an injury, is ready to make an impact during the 2002 campaign. Jeremy Calahan and Ross Lassley are in a

battle for the spot at noseguard.

The leader of the Owls' defensive unit is a converted quarterback who made a smooth transition to inside linebacker. Jeff Vanover makes wise decisions on the field and will be counted on to hold the corps together. Justin Engler will be Vanover's partner in crime at the inside linebacker spot. Scott Huffman, Gabe Howe, Julius Mitchell, Adam Herrin, and Brandon Boyd are competing to fill out the remaining spot.

Patrick Dendy and Clifford Sparks will man the corners. Sparks is only 5'9", but his ability to turn on the afterburners makes him a threat to pick off his share of passes.

Strong safety Antwan Shell has quick feet and is an excellent tackler. Free safety Greg Gatlin, who started at the strong safety position in 2001, has some big shoes to fill with the departure of starter Jason Hebert, who led the team with four interceptions.

Punter Travis Hale will look to improve on his showing in 2001, when he averaged almost 40 yards per kick. Placekicker Brandon Skeen must become more successful from long distances; he missed all six of his attempts over 40 yards last season.



Kyle Herm

the ability to throw the ball, and we threw it more last year than we have since I've been here," Hatfield says. "We think we can do it more effectively because all of our quarterbacks and receivers are returning."

60

The Owls had at least 60 rushing attempts in a game on seven occasions last season. In three of those games, the Owls rushed for over 400 yards.

Returning starter Kyle Herm will lead the way for the Owls at quarterback. Herm was pressed into action last year because of a pre-season injury to then-starter Jeremy Hurd, and his performance throughout the 2001 campaign left no doubt as to who would be at the helm in 2002. Herm fits the Owl offensive mindset perfectly because of his passing ability and strong running skills.

The running back position will again be a strong suit for the Owls, who return three

Depth Chart

Offense (4)

SE 81 Gavin Boothe (Jr.)	13 Jeremy Hurd (Jr.)
LT 69 Chris DeMunbrun (Jr.)	60 Scott Mayhew (So.)
LG 75 Keith Meyer (Sr.)	76 Micah Meador (So.)
C 52 Ben Stephens (Jr.)	63 Ross Huebel (So.)
RG 68 Clint Crisp (Sr.)	53 Mike Holman (Jr.)
RT 55 Greg Wilson (So.)	67 James Pitman (So.)
TE 82 Travis Thompson (Sr.)	89 Joe Wood (Fr.)
QB 1 Kyle Herm (Jr.)	7 Joe Moore (So.)
HB 32 Vince Hawkins (Sr.)	23 Clint Hatfield (So.)
FB 41 Robbie Beck (Jr.)	18 Ed Bailey (So.)
HB 25 Sean White (Sr.)	21 Thomas Lott (Fr.)

Defense (4)

DE 87 Brandon Green (Sr.)	98 Pike Pickett (So.)
DT 96 B.J. Fergusson (Sr.)	91 Jonathan Chism (Jr.)
NG 78 Ross Lassley (Jr.)	90 Jeremy Calahan (So.)
DE 46 Nick Sabula (Sr.)	DeJaun Cooper (Fr.)
LB 42 Justin Engler (Sr.)	45 Scott Huffman (Sr.)
LB 4 Jeff Vanover (Jr.)	33 Julius Mitchell (Jr.)
LB 34 Gabe Howe (So.)	48 Adam Herrin (Fr.)
CB 20 Patrick Dendy (Jr.)	29 Raymorris Barnes (So.)
CB 19 Clifford Sparks (So.)	15 Corey Evans (Sr.)
SS 17 Antwan Shell (Sr.)	Tyler Smith (Fr.)
FS 40 Greg Gatlin (Sr.)	16 Kevin Ford (Fr.)

Special Teams

K 3 Brandon Skeen (Jr.)
P 8 Travis Hale (Sr.)
KR 23 Clint Hatfield (So.)
PR 23 Clint Hatfield (So.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Ken Hatfield
2002 Prediction: 8th WAC

2001 Record (WAC): 8-4 (5-3)
Rice Stadium (70,000)

Perhaps no team in the MAC can sell the sizzle as well as the Zips. But recently something always seems to derail the season short of expectations.

Last year injuries and a poor defense were the main culprits in a 4-7 campaign. Injuries come with the game. An awful defense (32.7 ppg and 470.5 ypg allowed), however, can be fixed.

passed for 2,053 yards and nine touchdowns in his first tour through the MAC.

Junior Nick Sparks returns as a two-position performer. A talented athlete who was the No. 1 QB last year before suffering a toe injury in the opener, Sparks will be Frye's backup but will also be used as a wideout.

If there is one position where the Zips always seem to be loaded it is at tailback. And this season the cupboard is overflowing. Senior Brandon Payne returns from a knee injury to push starter Bob Hendry. Those two combined for 1,317 yards and 16 touchdowns in 2001. Both averaged better than 90 yards rushing per game and right at 5.0 yards per carry. They will be joined by Marcus Sanders, a transfer from Minnesota, and redshirt freshman Thomas Plummer.

The name to know at wideout is Matt Cherry. His sophomore season got off to a slow start, but by the end of the year he had delivered some solid numbers — 48 catches, 630 yards — and made some acrobatic catches. He's 6'1", 184 pounds and has the ability to catch passes over the middle and burn the defense down the field.

Sparks, the backup quarterback, is another big-play

linebacker to end with 10 tackles for a loss and six sacks last fall.

Historically, Zips linebackers can run and hit with the best in the league. But too often in recent years that reputation has come downfield, not near the line of scrimmage.

The talent is on hand, however, to field a strong linebacking corps this fall. Senior Ryan Myers, who led the team with 77 tackles last season, is the standout. Redshirt freshman Diontre Earl showed promise before getting hurt the second game of the season.

Much improvement is needed in the defensive backfield. However, the Zips have been known to rebuild their secondary fairly quickly after a down season. Look for safety John Fuller and cornerback Rickey McKenzie to be sound and aggressive with full seasons as starters under their belts.

Junior punter Andy Jerdon is solid (38.2 yards per kick), but a replacement for kicker Zac Derr must be found.

Hendry proved last season he is fearless as a kickoff return man. But Payne had his troubles fielding punts, which opened the door for Cherry, who responded with an average of 16.3 yards on the 10 punts he returned.

Depth Chart

Offense (4)

WR 19 Morris Ellington (So.)	3 Miguel Irvin (Jr.)
FL 2 Matt Cherry (Jr.)	80 Bates Szakos (Jr.)
LT 70 Bryan Shaw (Jr.)	76 Justin Hein (Fr.)
LG 69 Aaron Conley (So.)	65 Aaron Feller (So.)
C 52 Jumbo Bridger (Jr.)	61 Jim Borrieci (So.)
RG 62 Mike Piccirillo (Jr.)	65 Aaron Feller (So.)
RT 78 Jud Cummins (Jr.)	71 Mike Grzeskowiak (So.)
TE 33 Mike Brake (Jr.)	38 Nick Fortener (Sr.)
QB 5 Charlie Frye (So.)	9 Nick Sparks (Jr.)
FB 36 Dan Basch (Jr.)	25 Ashanti Barbee (So.)
RB 42 Bob Hendry (Jr.)	28 Brandon Payne (Sr.)

Defense (6)

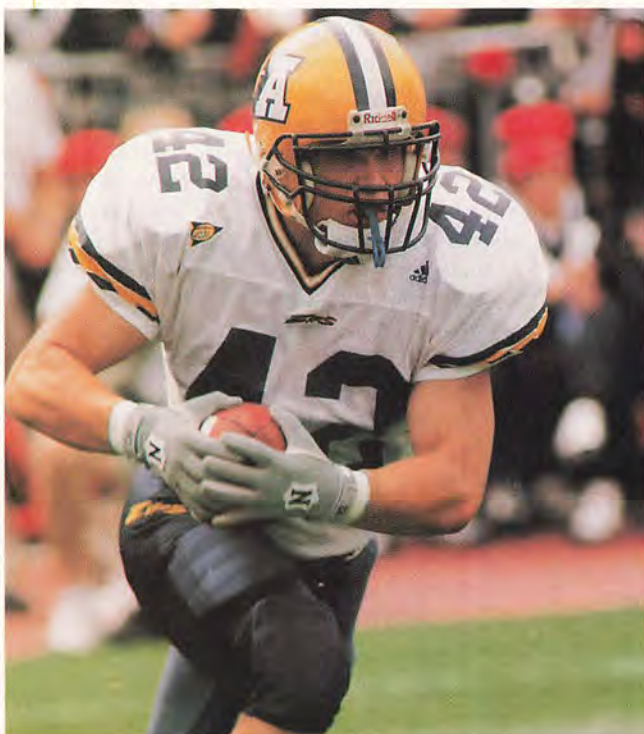
DE 83 Dwayne LeFall (So.)	84 Tim Wilkes (Fr.)
DT 93 Ryan Schulz (Sr.)	98 Dorian Beard (Fr.)
DT 94 Ryan Gargas (Sr.)	95 Bobby Gardner (So.)
DE 86 Marques Hayes (Jr.)	54 Josh Hill (Sr.)
LB 44 Chase Blackburn (So.)	57 Joe Radich (So.)
LB 51 Diontre Earl (Fr.)	45 Ryan Robinette (So.)
LB 56 Ryan Myers (Sr.)	92 Doug Sutton (Jr.)
CB 1 Rickey McKenzie (Jr.)	29 Greg Williams (So.)
CB 8 Corvin Amos (Jr.)	11 Jesse Smith (Jr.)
SS 18 John Fuller (So.)	49 Marcus Suber (Sr.)
FS 21 Kris Williams (Sr.)	16 Richard Spaulding (Fr.)

Special Teams

K 39 Andy Heint (Fr.)
P 46 Andy Jerdon (Jr.)
KR 42 Bob Hendry (Jr.)
PR 2 Matthew Cherry (Jr.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Lee Owens 2001 Record (MAC): 4-7 (4-4)
2002 Prediction: 5th MAC East Rubber Bowl (35,202)



Akron SID

Bob Hendry

Akron head coach Lee Owens fully expects that to happen — and quickly. "We have the best front seven since I've been here," he says. "We have more depth, more size, more athletic ability than any year since I have been here."

650

Brandon Payne needs just 650 yards rushing in his senior season to become the No. 2 all-time rusher at Akron.

He has 2,405 yards through three seasons. The Zips' top rusher, Mike Clark (4,257 yards), is most likely out of reach.

Sophomore Charlie Frye was one of many freshman quarterbacks who emerged in a big way around the MAC last season. Others had stronger arms or faster feet, but when it came to execution, delivery of the football and on-field command, Frye had few peers. He

threat.

The offensive line is the big question mark; the Zips lost five starters here from last season, including their tight end. Owens made his mark as an offensive line coach, so this bunch will be sound, albeit young. There will be no seniors from tackle to tackle on the two-deep, and several of the juniors come from the junior college ranks and still have to settle in at the I-A level. Sophomore guard Aaron Conley is the only starter back from last year.

The defensive line is a potential team strength, particularly if sophomore end Dwayne LeFall maintains his eligibility. He sat out last season for academic reasons, leaving the Zips without a top pass rusher. Seniors Ryan Schulz and Ryan Gargas will be solid at the tackle spots, as will junior Marques Hayes at the other end. But they will need help behind them. Hayes responded to his move from



Houston cougars

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RANKING

The rebuilding phase is officially over for the Houston Cougars. With a second straight recruiting class that ranked near the top of Conference USA, head coach Dana Dimel believes his team can contend for the league crown. "I don't think anything is out of the realm of possibility for this ballclub," he says. Dimel is in his third year with the team, and he will not accept any more excuses.



Courtland Richards

Al James

Dimel's first step toward contending is finding a precise, strong-armed quarterback to get the ball to Houston's outstanding receiving corps. The top two candidates are Nick Eddy, a former junior college transfer, and Barrick Nealy, one of the Cougars' key recruits two years ago. Both quarterbacks played well in the spring, but it appears Eddy has the slight advantage heading into preseason camp.

15 Houston has lost 15 straight games. Last season marked the first winless season in school history.

Sure-handed Joffrey Reynolds leads the way out of the backfield. In addition to collecting 818 yards on the ground last season, Reynolds hauled in 37 receptions for 9.4 yards per catch. His powerful running style will keep defenses honest when the Cougars decide to launch their aerial attack.

Anthony Evans, a highly touted recruit

who chose Houston over Kansas State and Oklahoma, backs up Reynolds.

The receiving corps will be a strong suit for the Cougars, despite the loss of its leader and top playmaker Orlando Iglesias. This season marks the return of KeyKowa Bell, who played in just three games last year before injuring his ankle. Bell put up big numbers as a sophomore in 2000, collecting 54 catches for 722 yards and two touchdowns. Brian Robinson, who earned second team all-conference honors two years ago, will also help fill the void left by Iglesias. Brandon Middleton ranked second in the nation last fall with 24.3 yards per reception. His incredible speed and ability to break tackles help him rake in the much-needed yards after making the catch.

The tight end position will be another sound component for the Cougars. Jonathan Pritchett and Stephen Cucci return from injuries, and Houston welcomes in two of the top tight end junior college prospects in the country in Matt Mattox and Jon Clark.

Houston's big offensive line should give the Cougars' quarterback ample time to throw. Center Al James and left guard Rex Hadnot have tremendous size and will look to open holes for Reynolds in the middle of the line.

"Al James is evolving into an all-conference player," Dimel says. "That is such a crucial spot and to have Rex right next to him is a real plus for us."

Right tackle Chris Wheeler, left tackle Tyrone Green and right guard David Douglas fill the remaining spots up front.

On the other side of the ball, the defensive ends are set. Adrian Lee will play on the right side, and the tough Quantaa Jackson will play on the left.

Dimel is looking for a better effort from his defensive line this fall; the Cougars managed only 11 sacks in 2001. Lee, who is incredibly quick off the line, accounted for two of those sacks.

Amazingly, the Cougars are eight deep at linebacker. "We feel like our linebackers are so important to our defense," says Dimel. "And we have eight or nine viable candidates for those positions."

Justin Davis is the lone returning starter

from last year. Damien West, a transfer from Texas A&M who sat out last season, is a force at middle linebacker. He has quick feet and moves to the ball from sideline to sideline.

The star of the Cougars' defense is free safety Hanik Milligan, who Dimel calls a pro scout's dream. Milligan stands 6'3" and dishes out vicious licks when receivers dare come across the middle. "If our football team has the type of success we are looking for, Hanik can get some looks as an All-American," Dimel says.

Jermain Woodard enters his second season as the weak-side safety, and a battle rages for the strong-side safety spot between Jesse Sowells and Carlos Jones. Victor Malone, a returning starter, will man one of the corners. Across from Malone will be Roland Cola, a former junior college transfer who redshirted last year.

During spring practice Houston focused on improving the special teams. "We're going to emphasize putting more starters on special teams, which could make a difference in a few ball games," Dimel says.

Jimmy McClary averaged 38.1 yards per punt last season. The kicking duties will go to either Dustin Bell or true freshman Justin Laird, who is highly regarded.

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

WR 13 Brian Robinson (Sr.)	86	Mark Hopkins (So.)
WR 3 KeyKowa Bell (Jr.)	84	Jon Clark (Jr.)
WR 8 Brandon Middleton (Jr.)	83	Johnny Tyson (So.)
LT 68 Tyrone Green (Sr.)	70	David Douglas (Fr.)
LG 76 Rex Hadnot (Jr.)	66	Jessie Bryant (Fr.)
C 51 Al James (Jr.)	71	Roy Swan (Fr.)
RG 70 David Douglas (Fr.)	63	Willie Thomas III (So.)
RT 74 Chris Wheeler (Sr.)	77	Rufus Williams (Sr.)
TE 87 Jonathan Pritchett (Jr.)	89	Matt Mattox (So.)
QB 16 Nick Eddy (Jr.)	9	Barrick Nealy (Fr.)
RB 1 Joffrey Reynolds (Sr.)	6	Anthony Evans (Fr.)

Defense (5)

LE 58 Quantaa Jackson (Sr.)	90	Joe Clay (So.)
LT 88 Kendrick Goss (So.)	93	Jeff Mayhew (Fr.)
RT 91 Bryan Hill (Sr.)	95	Sharod McGowan (Fr.)
RE 92 Adrian Lee (Sr.)	89	David Midyett (Jr.)
LB 33 Damien West (So.)	32	Matt Schirmer (So.)
LB 53 Justin Davis (Jr.)	45	Bryant Brown (So.)
CB 27 Roland Cola (Jr.)	8	Stanford Rountt (So.)
CB 22 Victor Malone (Sr.)	17	Greg Holte (Sr.)
SS 23 Jesse Sowells (Sr.)	2	Carlos Jones (Fr.)
WS 29 Jermain Woodard (So.)	28	Chad Davis (So.)
FS 5 Hanik Milligan (Sr.)	21	Levi Gaston (Fr.)

Special Teams

K 7 Dustin Bell (So.)
P 43 Jimmy McClary (Jr.)
KR 8 Brandon Middleton (Jr.)
PR 85 Gerard Daniels (So.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Dana Dimel 2001 Record (C-USA): 0-11 (0-7)
2002 Prediction: 10th C-USA Robertson Stadium (32,000)



The statistics bore out the obvious. Ohio ranked among the MAC's worst teams both offensively and defensively. As a result, an Ohio program which won seven games in 2000 stumbled through a one-win season in 2001.

The Bobcats, under first-year coach Brian Knorr, were devastated by key injuries. If the injury bug is squashed, and some veterans

If you run the option, the stable better be full and deep at running back. That was not the case for the Bobcats last season; no OU back finished in the Top 10 in rushing in the MAC. The loss of Chad Brinker (393 yards, 7.4 yards per carry) after four games to remove a cyst inside his head was devastating, and nobody stepped up as a game-breaker in his place.

Brinker, who rushed for 734 yards as a sophomore, was held out of spring drills but is expected back at full strength in the fall. Versatile Ray Huston, who also plays fullback, and redshirt freshman Dion Byrum had solid springs.

If you can't block, you probably can't play for the Bobcats. Several players seem capable of hauling in passes on the flanks, including 6'3", 187-pound Joe Mohler (21 receptions, 269 yards, 2 TDs). But until the passing game improves, the receiver position will not be featured.

Yes, the Bobcats led the league in rushing. But an option football team should dominate the league in rushing, and that was not the case. Certainly backfield injuries were a factor, but the offensive line can't be given a free pass, as OU's drop-off was by nearly 100 yards per game from 2000. The line should be improved this fall with veteran center Doug Wooten and returning starters Eric Grahovac and Dennis Thompson.

Considering the OU defense ranked as one of the MAC's worst against the run last season (allowing 200.6 ypg rushing) the defensive line is an area to keep an eye on. As was the case with most positions on the team, injuries skewed a lot of statistics. For instance, junior noseguard Eli Kiener played in just six games due to foot injuries, but led the team in sacks with three. Senior noseguard Lamar Martin led all down linemen in tackles with 29. Ends Andre Parker and Garrett Bush have shown the ability to be productive performers, yet both have been bothered by a myriad of ailments.

OU's top five linebackers from last season are gone, leaving a huge question mark going into this season. Indicative of the bad luck that permeates this team, projected junior starter at MLB Demetri

Taylor was discovered to have a cardiac condition in the spring. It is unknown if he will play again. His replacement, sophomore Dennis Chukwuemeka, missed four games as a freshman due to injury.

Looking for a bright spot? The name is Bop White, and this senior cornerback could be looking at a professional career in the future. He has been a starter since his freshman season and enters his last season with 11 career interceptions. A trio of part-time starters last season, Thomas Stephens, Chip Cox and Jonah Booker will battle for the other corner position with the others providing depth and experience. OU's leading tackler (109) from last season, safety Joe Sellers, moves to strong safety, leaving athletically gifted junior James Taylor, a converted WR, to roam at free safety.

The kicking game belongs to Kevin Kerr, who will handle both punting and placekicking chores. He has hit on 65 percent of his field goals over his career, including four kicks of 50 yards or more. He will take on the punting chores as well this season, replacing prolific All-American Dave Zastudil, who was drafted last spring by the Baltimore Ravens.



Ohio SID

Ray Huston

return to past form, particularly quarterback Dontrell Jackson, then Ohio could be a player in the MAC East again.

13.2

Ohio's scoring average dropped by 13.2 points per game from 2000 to '01.

The Bobcats averaged 31.2 ppg during their seven-win season but dropped to 18.0 ppg last fall.

Jackson has started 31 games over the past three years, but he is fighting to keep his job after a poor junior season (472 yards rushing, three TDs). The fact he is hardly a passing threat is no secret, although he did complete 12-of-15 in the spring game for 71 yards. Jackson's average yards per carry dropped from 5.6 as a sophomore to 3.3 as a junior.

Freddie Ray, while physically bigger and a better passer than Jackson, lacks Jackson's feel for the game.

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

SE 25 Joe Mohler (Sr.)	6 Jason Caesar (Sr.)
LT 60 Eric Grahovac (Sr.)	54 Mike Nelson (Fr.)
LG 50 Dennis Thompson (Jr.)	54 Mike Nelson (Fr.)
C 61 Doug Wooten (Sr.)	64 Brian Brown (Jr.)
RG 64 Brian Brown (Jr.)	79 Paul Stanko (Sr.)
RT 67 Chris Jackson (Sr.)	79 Paul Stanko (Sr.)
TE 81 Randy Pennington (Sr.)	82 Derek Gandy (Jr.)
QB 17 Dontrell Jackson (Sr.)	10 Freddie Ray (Jr.)
HB 29 Ray Huston (So.)	41 Dion Byrum (Fr.)
HB 5 Chad Brinker (Sr.)	7 Stafford Owens (So.)
FB 28 Joe Sherrill (Sr.)	29 Ray Huston (So.)

Defense (3)

DE 99 Andre Parker (Jr.)	96 Keith Adamson (Jr.)
NG 54 Lamar Martin (Sr.)	72 Eli Kiener (Jr.)
DE 91 Garrett Bush (So.)	96 Keith Adamson (Jr.)
LB 90 Hugh Grant (Jr.)	38 Chris Glen (Fr.)
LB 46 Dennis Chukwuemeka (So.)	55 Demetri Taylor (Jr.)
LB 59 Rich Constantine (Jr.)	71 Pete Brately (So.)
LB 89 Willie Sherman (Jr.)	3 Rob Stover (So.)
CB 9 Bop White (Sr.)	11 Chip Cox (So.)
CB 13 Thomas Stephens (Jr.)	37 Jonah Booker (So.)
SS 2 Joe Sellers (Sr.)	40 Bo Lebherz (Jr.)
FS 8 James Taylor (Jr.)	40 Bo Lebherz (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 18 Kevin Kerr (Sr.)
P 18 Kevin Kerr (Sr.)
KR 6 Jason Caesar (Sr.)
PR 7 Stafford Owens (So.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Brian Knorr 2001 Record (MAC): 1-10 (1-7)
2002 Prediction: 6th MAC East Peden Stadium (24,000)

A year ago Idaho was considered a top contender for the Sun Belt championship. But thanks to a brutal non-conference schedule, the season unraveled into a 1-10 disaster.

The schedule exacted a physical and mental toll on the Vandals. "You go into those big stadiums, look around, and before you know it you're two touchdowns behind," says head

standout Joey Harrington.

Tailback Blair Lewis missed spring practice while recovering from torn knee ligaments. He was having a career year until suffering the injury in the sixth game of the season. In his absence the staff took a close look at junior college transfers Shung Peoples and Malfred Shaw. Also returning is dependable veteran Zach Gerstner, who saw time in the secondary

At fullback, all three returnees — Kevin O'Connell, Willie Sipoloa and Nate Griffin — have starting experience. O'Connell was the only one of the trio to carry the ball last year.

In Chris Belser and Josh Jelmerberg, Idaho welcomes back two of its top three receivers. But the one that got away, Chris Lacy, had slightly more yardage than those two combined. Orlando Winston could break into the regular rotation but redshirt freshman Jeff Stowe and a handful of transfers will get serious looks in the fall. Mike McCoy gives Idaho a legitimate option at tight end.

While there is considerable talent up front, tackle Jake Scott and center Matt Martinez stand out from the crowd. Jason Cobb returns at weak guard, as does Robert Mitchell on the strong side. At 6'9", 315 pounds, tackle Ray DeAnda is the most imposing physically. Seann Mumford will challenge for a starting job at tackle, as will Josh Jelinek, who moves across from the defensive line.

Idaho's revamped defensive line will include a mix of youth and experience. Brandon Kania started at end last year as a true freshman, led the team in sacks and tied for the lead in tackles for a loss. Brian Howard broke into the starting lineup at tackle after two games and was a steady performer. Tackle Mike Jones returns after appearing in only three games last year due to a broken leg.

Several junior college transfers could shake up the lineup. End Kody Kraus, an exceptional athlete and potentially a strong pass rusher, was the only one on campus for spring drills. The others worth noting are tackle Johnny Parra, end Kelly Nead and tackle Ryan Atoe.

Five players with game experience, including all three starters, return at linebacker. In the middle, junior Jordan Lampos has started since he was a true freshman. Jordan Kramer, the most athletic of the returnees, played strong safety much of last year to shore up a depleted secondary. Patrick Libey, a former walk-on with big play capabilities, earned a starting job after three games.

Three starters return from a secondary that allowed 278 passing yards per game. So no job is safe. Sergio Robledo, however, appears to be solid at safety. He started last year as a junior college transfer and was the team's second-leading tackler. Nick Williams started nine games as a true freshman and had an eye-opening experience. Cornerback Ed Rankin started ten times but will have to beat out Antjuan Tolbert, whose playing time was limited due to a concussion. Nate Nichols will get a serious look at safety. Senior Sammy Ruben and a host of junior college transfers will battle for time at cornerback.

For the second year in a row, Keith Stamps has the edge over Brian Pope in the field goal department. Punter Ryan Downes is steady and dependable.



Idaho SID

Brandon Kania

coach Tom Cable.

This year's slate is every bit as ambitious, but Cable makes no excuses. "The bottom line is we were not a good defensive football team so we've changed coaches and personnel."

478.1 The Idaho defense allowed an average of 478.1 total yards per game.

In Brian Lindgren, the Vandals have a quarterback who generated impressive numbers while starting three games in place of departed standout John Welsh. In a loss at Middle Tennessee, Lindgren set an NCAA record for total offense (657 yards) by a sophomore, and established four new Idaho marks. Adam Mallette and Michael Harrington will keep the heat on Lindgren. Mallette lost a hard-fought battle for last year's backup job. Harrington is the brother of Oregon

Depth Chart

Offense (8)

WR 8 Chris Belser (Sr.)	1 Orlando Winston (Jr.)
WR 12 Josh Jelmerberg (Sr.)	83 Jeff Stowe (Fr.)
WT 74 Jake Scott (Jr.)	79 Seann Mumford (Sr.)
WG 70 Jason Cobb (Jr.)	67 Tony Kiel (So.)
C 62 Matt Martinez (Jr.)	52 Drew Burton (Fr.)
SG 72 Robert Mitchell (Sr.)	65 Kyle Stewart (Jr.)
ST 69 Ray DeAnda (Sr.)	77 Josh Jelinek (Sr.)
TE 85 Mike McCoy (Jr.)	99 Luke Smith-Anderson (So.)
QB 11 Brian Lindgren (Jr.)	14 Adam Mallette (So.)
FB 44 Kevin O'Connell (Sr.)	34 Nate Griffin (Jr.)
TB 6 Blair Lewis (Sr.)	20 Zach Gerstner (Jr.)

Defense (10)

DE 98 Dan White (Jr.)	92 Jeff Edwards (Fr.)
DT 96 Dennis Taeatafa (Sr.)	55 Mike Jones (Sr.)
NT 3 Brian Howard (Jr.)	54 Jason Dutton (Jr.)
RE 86 Brandon Kania (So.)	95 Kody Kraus (Jr.)
LB 40 Patrick Libey (Jr.)	35 Chad Kodama (Jr.)
LB 46 Jordan Lampos (Jr.)	13 Mike Anderson (Fr.)
LB 7 Jordan Kramer (Sr.)	41 James Staley (Sr.)
CB 16 Sammy Ruben (Sr.)	11 Nicq Hale (Sr.)
CB 32 Antjuan Tolbert (Jr.)	4 Ed Rankin (Sr.)
S 27 Nate Nichols (Fr.)	5 Tim Sams (Sr.)
S 33 Sergio Robledo (Sr.)	23 Nick Williams (So.)

Special Teams

K 49 Keith Stamps (Sr.)
P 17 Ryan Downes (Jr.)
KR 6 Blair Lewis (Sr.)
PR 1 Orlando Winston (Jr.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Tom Cable 2001 Record (Sun Belt): 1-10 (1-5)
2002 Prediction: 4th Sun Belt Kibbie Dome (16,000)



Tulsa

golden hurricane

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RANKING

Keith Burns is anxious to begin the 2002 season and erase the painful memories of the Golden Hurricane's dismal 1-10 campaign.

The young squad went through a rash of injuries and a quarterback controversy that contributed to 10 consecutive losses and the school's worst record in over 30 years.

"When adversity happens you can either

versy involving popular two-year starter Josh Blankenship. Despite the tough situation, Gooch put up decent numbers. He completed 57.5 percent of his passes for 825 yards and five touchdowns, and also rushed for 361 yards and two more scores. Perhaps more important, he gained the respect of his coach and teammates. "He's a great competitor," Burns says. "He's one of those guys who is a leader." With Blankenship gone (transfer, Eastern Washington), Gooch heads into the season entrenched as the starter.

Tulsa needs running back Eric Richardson to put together a full season. He exploded onto the scene with a combined 400 yards rushing the final two games of his freshman campaign but followed with just 469 yards in 2001. Kevin McKenzie and D.J. Barnett are two returnees who will also vie for time if they can stay healthy.

Finding another playmaker like Donald Shoals, who led the WAC with 7.5 receptions per game (fifth nationally) and racked up a team-leading 908 receiving yards, will be a tough task. Darrell Wimberly, Montiese Culton and Brandon Birks headline a list of unheralded wideouts, but the real impact players could

be a couple of transfers. Northeastern Oklahoma A&M product Romby Bryant looked outstanding in spring practice, and Kansas State transfer Jerome Janet (pronounced Ja-ney) will have four years of eligibility beginning this fall.

Tight end Jarrod Roach might be forced to miss the 2002 season with a stomach disorder. If that's the case, Caleb Blankenship appears to be ready to slide into the starting lineup.

Tulsa returns three starters on an offensive line that ranked second in the WAC by allowing just 17 sacks. Anthony Taylor provides leadership at center, and tackle Tony Katic and guard Matt Black are solid. Victor Mercado, who missed most of last season due to injury, is also expected back. Austin Chadwick could excel in a full-time role.

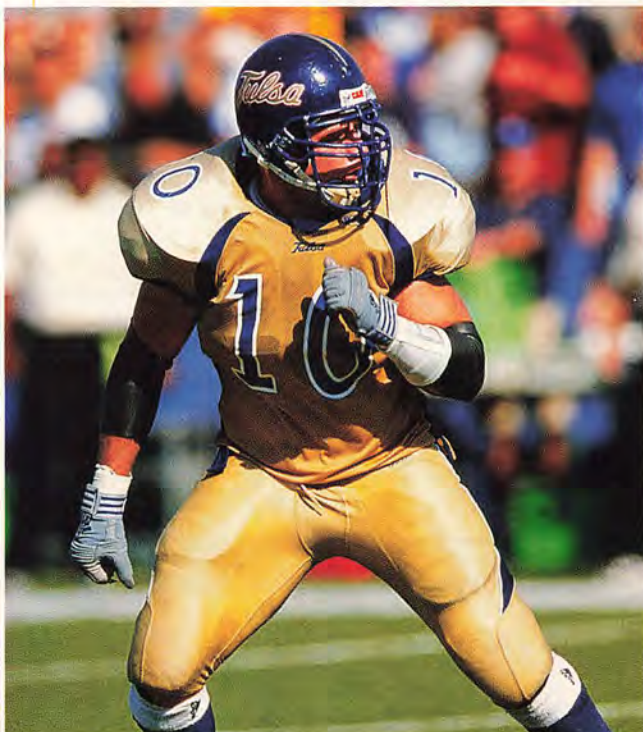
Burns is high on his defensive line due in part to the return of senior tackle Sam Rayburn (16 tackles for a loss). Another

reason for Burns' optimism is the arrival of a solid corps of incoming defensive linemen, including junior college standouts Wil Goff and Tse Ogisi.

Senior Michael Dulaney, a former Oklahoma transfer, is a physical player who is one of the top linebackers in the WAC. He totaled a team-leading 93 tackles (11 for a loss), including 12 stops against his former Sooners teammates. Jorma Bailey, a great athlete who began his career as a running back, returns as the other starter.

Rover Keithan McCorry is a three-year starter but Max Kraus emerged from the spring atop the depth chart. Tulsa goes three deep at cornerback with CJ Scott, Sherman Steptoe and Jermaine Hope, who starred in the spring. Reginald Reese and Chad Smith will battle for time at bandit with Jeff Thibodeaux at free safety.

Cort Moffitt, a transfer from New Mexico, should take over the punting duties. He earned honorable mention All-Mountain West honors after averaging 39.7 yards per punt for the Lobos as a sophomore. Ricky Tallant and Brad DeVault will battle for the placekicking chores.



Steve Wolfmann

Michael Dulaney

fragment or pull together and become stronger," Burns says. "It made us stronger and we have more team chemistry now."

That, along with 16 returning starters and a solid recruiting class, has the third-year head coach optimistic heading into the season.

1,940

Tulsa allowed 1,940 yards in a three-game span against San Jose State, Oklahoma and Rice late in the 2001 season.

Former TCU assistant Dan Lounsbury was named offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach during the off-season. His primary chore in overhauling the league's lowest-scoring offense (17.4 ppg) is to successfully tutor sophomore quarterback Tyler Gooch.

As a true freshman last year, Gooch was the center of attention in the quarterback contro-

Depth Chart

Offense (8)

WR 21 Darrell Wimberly (Jr.)	85 Brandon Birks (Sr.)
WR 84 Montiese Culton (So.)	82 Romby Bryant (Jr.)
RT 59 Austin Chadwick (Jr.)	76 Tony Guined (So.)
RG 66 Victor Mercado (Fr.)	69 Ashcon Madjid (Jr.)
C 62 Anthony Taylor (Sr.)	63 Derek Warehime (So.)
LG 71 Matt Black (Jr.)	74 Dustin Traynor (So.)
LT 70 Tony Katic (Jr.)	65 Dustin Kline (Fr.)
TE 7 Jarrod Roach (Jr.)	20 Caleb Blankenship (So.)
QB 11 Tyler Gooch (So.)	15 James Kilian (So.)
RB 25 Eric Richardson (Jr.)	33 Kevin McKenzie (So.)
HB 46 Mark Holata (Fr.)	43 Brandon Fuqua (So.)

Defense (8)

DE 97 Brandon Lohr (So.)	90 Jeremy Davis (Jr.)
DT 95 Josh Walker (So.)	79 Tse Ogisi (Jr.)
DT 96 Sam Rayburn (Sr.)	60 Wil Goff (Jr.)
DE 53 Sammy Umobong (Jr.)	37 Jason Collier (Jr.)
LB 10 Michael Dulaney (Sr.)	56 Jason Wiltshire (Jr.)
LB 32 Jorma Bailey (Jr.)	44 Josh DuPree (So.)
Ban 6 Reginald Reese (Sr.)	22 Chad Smith (Jr.)
Rov 47 Max Kraus (Jr.)	9 Keithan McCorry (Sr.)
CB 12 CJ Scott (Jr.)	4 Don Gibson (Sr.)
CB 28 Jermaine Hope (So.)	7 Sherman Steptoe (Jr.)
FS 27 Jeff Thibodeaux (So.)	30 Chris Benson (So.)

Special Teams

K 52 Ricky Tallant (Sr.)
P 92 Cort Moffitt (Jr.)
KR 8 Jermaine Landrum (So.)
PR 8 Jermaine Landrum (So.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Keith Burns
2002 Prediction: 9th WAC

2001 Record (WAC): 1-10 (0-8)
Skelly Stadium (40,385)



Central Michigan Chippewas

NATIONAL
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RANKING

Central Michigan is making strides to return to the MAC's elite. One of the dominant programs in the conference from the mid 1970s through the early '80s, CMU has fallen on hard times of late. The Chippewas have suffered through six consecutive losing seasons and have won just five games in Mike DeBord's two years in Mount Pleasant.

quarterback position. "I don't care if it's a senior or a freshman, we are going with the guy who gives us the best opportunity to win," says DeBord.

Junior Terrence Jackson earned second-team all-conference honors after rushing for 1,194 yards and 10 touchdowns. The 230-pounder can run inside or outside and has good receiving skills coming out of the backfield. The Chips have quality backups in Kenan Lawhorne (5.1 yards per carry) and speedy Robbie Mixon.

Central is one of the rare teams that still utilizes the full-back position. Adam Supianowski is an excellent blocking back.

The top three wideouts return in Rob Turner, Rod Means and Willie Hill. This trio accounted for nearly 60 percent of the team's receiving yards a year ago but was also responsible for many of the Chips' 43 dropped balls. Freshmen Obed Genaille and Markus Naves may contribute right away.

Central has a quality tight end in sophomore Tory Humphrey, who averaged 9.9 yards per catch and added three touchdowns.

DeBord is also a former offensive line coach at Michigan and takes great pride in developing linemen in his program. The Chippewas line should be the team's strength after helping pave the way for 199 rushing yards per game while allowing just 18 sacks in 2001.

Guard Kyle Croskey should finally receive the all-conference accolades that have eluded him in his previous three seasons as a starter. Other returning linemen include Adam Kieft, Paul Brieger and Derek McLaughlin.

Three starting defensive linemen return from a unit that was at the front of the second-worst rush defense in the MAC. Central gave up 208 yards per game on the ground, but veteran ends Cullen Jenkins and Matt Reynolds, along with tackle Marvin Smith, hope to change that statistic. "We want to stop the run and become a great tackling team," DeBord says. William Brookshire, Jay Davidson, Dominic Mancini, Morgan Sheppard and Matt Wohlgemuth all

have playing experience and are looking to become bigger playmakers.

The coaching staff believes Jovan Clarke (96 tackles in 2001) and Darvin Lewis are two of the best linebackers in the conference. Anthony Tyus emerged during the spring and may push Clarke for the starting role. Ed Hillery and James King also return to this improving unit.

In a league that features outstanding quarterbacks at almost every stop, having quality defensive backs is a must. "We are going to have very athletic corners back there and I expect Derrick Holoman be a real surprise," says DeBord.

Holoman, a sophomore who played in seven games as a true freshman, will be joined by returning letterman Ron Bartell and Dante McKnight, who is making a switch from wide receiver to cornerback. Fabrice Raymond and freshman Dennis Doe look to contribute.

The punting chores are in good hands with the return of Brian Brandt, who averaged 40.1 yards per kick last fall. The placekicking duties are wide open, however, after the graduation of four-year starter Paul Savich.



Central Michigan SID

Terrence Jackson

There is, however, legitimate reason for optimism this fall. The Chips return 41 lettermen, including 19 starters, from the 2001 team which finished 3-8. "We were more competitive last season," says DeBord, a former offensive coordinator at Michigan. "Now we need to win."

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Linebacker James King tied an NCAA Division I record when he blocked four punts in CMU's 35-21 loss at Michigan State last year.

Both Derek Gorney and Derrick Vickers, who shared the quarterback position a year ago, return. But neither quarterback was very effective; Gorney passed for 831 yards and five TDs while Vickers added 1,156 yards passing and seven TDs. If the Chippewas want to move up in the standings, they will need more consistent production from the

Depth Chart

Offense (10)

WR 18 Rob Turner (Sr.)	1 Obed Genaille (Fr.)
WR 16 Rod Means (Sr.)	9 Willie Hill (Jr.)
LT 73 Tom Langton (Jr.)	72 Jeff Jenerou (Fr.)
LG 60 Derek McLaughlin (Jr.)	63 Paul Brieger (Sr.)
C 69 Eric Ghiaciuc (So.)	65 Joe Myler (Fr.)
RG 57 Kyle Croskey (Sr.)	61 Brandon Pitzer (So.)
RT 70 Adam Kieft (So.)	77 Dean Zarafonets (Fr.)
TE 85 Tory Humphrey (So.)	86 Dave Kurzen (So.)
QB 15 Derek Gorney (Sr.)	10 Derrick Vickers (Jr.)
FB 49 Adam Supianowski (Jr.)	32 Bryan Lindstrom (So.)
TB 29 Terrence Jackson (Jr.)	21 Kenan Lawhorne (Jr.)

Defense (9)

DE 41 Cullen Jenkins (Sr.)	56 Matt Wohlgemuth (Jr.)
NG 58 Marvin Smith (Sr.)	99 Kalani Muragin (So.)
DT 91 Jay Davidson (Jr.)	74 Dominic Mancini (Jr.)
DE 98 Matt Reynolds (Sr.)	55 William Brookshire (So.)
LB 54 Jovan Clarke (Sr.)	45 Anthony Tyus (So.)
LB 31 Darvin Lewis (Sr.)	50 Robert Bentley (So.)
LB 53 Ed Hillery (Jr.)	45 Anthony Tyus (So.)
LB 24 James King (So.)	34 Omari Colen (So.)
CB 32 Derrick Holoman (So.)	23 Fabrice Raymond (Fr.)
CB 25 Dante McKnight (Jr.)	27 Richard Kiel (Fr.)
FS 5 Ron Bartell (So.)	Dennis Doe (Fr.)

Special Teams

K 11 Josh Ignace (Jr.)
P 40 Brian Brandt (Jr.)
KR 32 Derrick Holoman (So.)
PR 25 Dante McKnight (Jr.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Mike DeBord	2001 Record (MAC): 3-8 (2-6)
2002 Prediction: 6th MAC West	Kelly/Shorts Stadium (30,199)



For Buffalo, it has been about progress. Entering its fourth season since rejoining Division I-A in 1999, the Bulls have seen their win total climb from zero to two to three in the first three years with the big boys.

Now, the team is trying to take the next step. "Clearly the next step in the evolution in this program is a winning season," says sec-

Hofher says of the sophomore who played in four games in 2001. "But mentally he's been very sharp and physically he's been good."

Buffalo's running game emerged in the second half of the 2001 season, and junior Marquis Dwarte will look to continue that momentum into 2002 and lead the team in rushing for the third consecutive season. Dwarte is one of the stronger players on the squad despite checking in at 5'6" and 170 pounds.

Buffalo features some talent and experience in the pass-catching department. Andre Forde is healthy after breaking his collarbone in the Kent State game late last year. Forde had been the team's leading receiver to that point with 23 catches.

Joining Forde is speedster Maurice Bradford, who averaged a team-high 14.2 yards per reception. Also expected to be in the mix of Hofher's spread offense is Matt Knueven, converted quarterback Adam Johnson and Dan Lindsay.

At tight end, Chad Bartoszek will try to repeat last year's All-MAC performance (42 catches, 441 yards).

Buffalo certainly took its lumps with an inexperienced offensive line last season, but the unit matured as the season progressed and there is hope that experience will pay off this year.

Sophomore center Eric Weber will return to anchor the line, and right guard Eric Zeppuhar and right tackle Jeff Mills also return from last year. On the left side, tackle Matt Baniewicz returns to the program after taking a leave of absence. He started 10 games in 2000. He will replace Andy Avery, who was forced to give up football due to injury. At left guard, Dan Minocchi and Ted Howard will battle in fall camp for the final slot.

There will be four new faces along the defensive front for the Bulls, yet Hofher says, "surprisingly, we feel good about where we are."

Junior college transfer Rashad Clark turned in a strong spring and will team with Rob Schroeder on the interior of the defensive line. Marcus Claret will move to the outside and start opposite Anthony Andriano.

Buffalo is thin at linebacker, with only middle linebacker Lamar Wilcher returning with significant starting experience. Deonne McClelland was moved from his safety slot in the spring and impressed the coaching staff with his nose for the ball and his quickness. He will start at weak-side linebacker, while the strong-side backer probably will not be determined until fall camp.

The strength of the Buffalo defense is along the back line, where three starters return to a unit that was second in the MAC in pass defense.

J.J. Gibson led the Bulls with 108 tackles from his strong safety slot, and he will be joined at free safety by converted cornerback Mark Graham. Mike Lambert will return at one cornerback position, while former wide receiver Danel Singfield should start opposite Lambert after sitting out 2001 due to academic difficulties.

The kicking game is in solid hands with returnees Scott McMahan at punter and Dallas Pelz at kicker. McMahan averaged 38.9 yards per punt, while Pelz nailed nine straight field goals at one point in 2001, his first season as a starter.



Buffalo SID

Chad Bartoszek

ond-year coach Jim Hofher. In order for that to become a reality, the Bulls will have to get production out of a green quarterback, find six new starters among its front seven on defense and survive a schedule that Hofher says is the toughest of the four Buffalo has faced as a Division I-A member.

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Buffalo allowed just two passing yards in a 44-0 victory over Ohio last year. It was the Bulls' first shutout since returning to Division I-A in 1999.

Randall Secky entered spring practice as the only quarterback with experience on the roster, and he exited spring practice as the No. 1 signal caller. Despite off-season elbow surgery, Secky held off all competitors in the spring and will be counted on to fill the shoes of departed three-year starter Joe Freedy.

"He is certainly a work in progress,"

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

SE 81 Andre Forde (Sr.)	85 Matt Knueven (So.)
FL 20 Maurice Bradford (Sr.)	82 Dan Lindsay (Sr.)
LT 58 Matt Baniewicz (Jr.)	75 Alex Alvarez (Jr.)
LG 72 Dan Minocchi (So.)	69 Ted Howard (Fr.)
C 65 Eric Weber (So.)	64 Kevin Dunn (Jr.)
RG 79 Erik Zeppuhar (So.)	77 William Paris (So.)
RT 63 Jeff Mills (Jr.)	74 Zachary Love (Fr.)
TE 88 Chad Bartoszek (Sr.)	27 Marvin Brereton (Sr.)
QB 7 Randall Secky (So.)	13 P.J. Piskorik (Fr.)
FB 40 Tom Shaughnessy (Jr.)	39 Jason Montanez (Sr.)
TB 28 Marquis Dwarte (Jr.)	34 Aaron Leeper (Fr.)

Defense (4)

DE 50 Marcus Claret (Jr.)	53 Kirk Berry (Fr.)
NG 80 Rob Schroeder (Fr.)	94 Craig Johnson (So.)
DT Rashad Clark (Jr.)	48 Terrance Dawson (Sr.)
DE 56 Anthony Andriano (So.)	93 Obadiah Harris (Jr.)
LB 4 Lamar Wilcher (Jr.)	43 Ken Soltis (Fr.)
LB 19 Deonne McClelland (Sr.)	1 Jason Coley (Sr.)
LB Chris Clifton (Jr.)	33 Ryan Buttles (Sr.)
CB 35 Mike Lambert (Sr.)	23 Kevin Concepcion (Fr.)
CB 9 Danel Singfield (Sr.)	12 Darren Hicks (So.)
SS 29 J.J. Gibson (So.)	Steiner Woodruffe (Fr.)
FS 2 Mark Graham (Jr.)	Steiner Woodruffe (Fr.)

Special Teams

K 5 Dallas Pelz (Jr.)
P 11 Scott McMahan (Sr.)
KR 81 Andre Forde (Sr.)
PR 81 Andre Forde (Sr.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Jim Hofher 2001 Record (MAC): 3-8 (1-7)
2002 Prediction: 7th MAC East UB Stadium (31,000)



Connecticut huskies

NATIONAL
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RANKING

It has become standard for selected UConn football players to arrive at practice each day wearing construction hats. It's an honor that has to be earned through hard work. The hard hats also symbolize what's happening with the Huskies' football program as whole.

"We're under construction," says UConn coach Randy Edsall. "It's one piece at a time."

The Huskies will face the most challenging schedule in school history. UConn has defending National Champion Miami, Boston College and Georgia Tech in the first six weeks of the season, and Vanderbilt, Temple and Iowa State in the second half of the schedule.

"It's a pretty tough schedule. It's very demanding," says junior defensive lineman Uyi Osunde. "But we all have a positive attitude."

Orlovsky, who had nine touchdown passes and 11 interceptions as a true freshman last fall, has a chance to put UConn on the map. He has a keen understanding of the game and a strong, accurate arm. Redshirt freshman Jermell Williams, who may have the best arm on the team, should be the backup, with sophomore Keron Henry, a good runner but erratic passer, also in the mix.

If junior running back Chandler Poole can remain healthy, the Huskies could achieve better balance. UConn rushed for an average of 2.3 yards per carry last season. Sophomore Chris Bellamy doesn't always run with much purpose, which could

open the door for one of three talented incoming freshmen — Terry Caulley, Cornell Brockington and LeChaz Green.

Receiver is the deepest position on the team and will serve as a perfect complement to Orlovsky. Speedy redshirt freshman Jason Williams will give the Huskies a home run threat that has been missing from the attack the last few seasons. Senior Wes Timko, junior O'Neil Wilson and sophomore Jasen Ridley round out the top four, but will be pushed by Cliff Hill and Matt Cutaia and, possibly, freshman Brandon Young.

Senior tight end Tommy Collins is a sure-handed receiver.

The offensive line is probably the weakest area of the team because of youth and inexperience. The oldest player in the group is left guard Nick Graby, a junior transfer who is new to the system. There's a redshirt freshman at right tackle (Grant Preston) and sophomores at center (Brian

Markowski), right guard (LeAndre Dupree) and left tackle (Ryan Krug).

Senior tackle Greg Smoot leads a strong group of defensive linemen. The return of defensive ends Hakeem Kashama and Osunde, who were medical redshirts last season, is a big boost. Tackle Sean Mulcahy has plenty of experience, and end Tyler King led the team with 5.5 sacks in '01.

Senior linebackers Jamal Lundy and Razul Wallace are extremely physical and active in the 4-3 set. Sophomore Maurice Lloyd is cut from the same mold, while sophomore Alfred Fincher is smart and talented. Overall, though, the group is thin.

There is good depth in the secondary, led by strong safety Chris Meyer, who sets the tone with his merciless hitting, and cornerback Justin Perkins. Free safety Terrance Smith is a playmaker, while senior Roy Hopkins lends experience at the other corner.

The kicking game should be one of the strongest areas of the team. Kicker Marc Hickok hit 12-of-17 field goals. Punter Adam Coles has been busy the last two seasons with 137 punts; he's averaged 39.7 yards and had only three blocked.



Connecticut SID

Jamal Lundy

The Huskies are building a Division I-A program from the ground up, literally and figuratively. Twenty-five miles west of Storrs, in East Hartford, a 40,000-seat stadium is rising from an old airstrip. It will be finished in time for the 2003 season.

2 The Huskies had only two offensive plays that gained over 50 yards last season and only two running plays over 25 yards.

Meanwhile, Edsall (9-24 in three seasons) has been the frenetic project manager of a football team coming together faster than might be detectable to the naked eye. Like the stadium, the Huskies may only be a year or so away from becoming more than a blip on the radar screen.

UConn has a quarterback to build around in 6'5" sophomore Dan Orlovsky, one of the 18 starters back from last season's 2-9 squad.

Depth Chart

Offense (8)

WR 82 Wes Timko (Sr.)	88 O'Neil Wilson (Jr.)
WR 3 Cliff Hill (Jr.)	17 Matt Cutaia (So.)
WR 80 Jason Williams (Fr.)	9 Jasen Ridley (So.)
LT 73 Ryan Krug (So.)	78 Brendan Borowski (Fr.)
LG 63 Nick Graby (Jr.)	66 Laurence Oliver (Jr.)
C 54 Brian Markowski (So.)	58 Billy Irwin (So.)
RG 64 LeAndre Dupree (So.)	67 Jason McKee (So.)
RT 78 Grant Preston (Fr.)	79 Steve Cully (Sr.)
TE 42 Tommy Collins (Sr.)	85 Richard Bellina (Jr.)
QB 14 Dan Orlovsky (So.)	19 Jermell Williams (Fr.)
RB 28 Chandler Poole (Jr.)	34 Chris Bellamy (So.)

Defense (10)

DE 95 Hakeem Kashama (Jr.)	97 Uyi Osunde (Jr.)
DT 55 Greg Smoot (Sr.)	53 Warren Spivey (So.)
DT 99 Sean Mulcahy (Jr.)	92 Ryan Bushey (Jr.)
Ban 52 Tyler King (So.)	61 Frank Quagliano (Sr.)
LB 21 Jamal Lundy (Sr.)	20 Kinnan Herriot (So.)
LB 43 Razul Wallace (Sr.)	48 Alfred Fincher (So.)
LB 11 Maurice Lloyd (So.)	47 Taurien Sowell (Fr.)
CB 2 Justin Perkins (So.)	12 John Fletcher (So.)
CB 7 Roy Hopkins (Sr.)	32 Marlon Jones (So.)
SS 5 Chris Meyer (Jr.)	27 Trenton Jones (Jr.)
FS 22 Terrance Smith (Jr.)	23 Corey McKinney (Fr.)

Special Teams

K 8 Marc Hickok (Sr.)
P 6 Adam Coles (Jr.)
KR 17 Matt Cutaia (So.)
PR 3 Cliff Hill (Jr.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Randy Edsall

2001 Record: 2-9
Memorial Stadium (16,200)



For two years the Louisiana-Monroe Indians have had to grin and bear it to the tune of a 3-19 record. But no one can blame them for feeling positively giddy about their prospects for the 2002 campaign. Granted, there are some significant question marks — not the least of which is the quarterback position — and a winning season might be a bit of a stretch. But with 18 returning

Condell, ULM's third offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach in as many years.

If Gatlin falters, the Indians will turn to the more mobile Daniel DaPrato, a junior college transfer.

ULM's running game improved by 28 percent last year but it was still a dismal 73.6 yards per game. This year's two-back alignment will feature the massive Ivory Brown (5'11", 273), who could prosper at fullback after playing tailback a year ago.

The move also means more touches for tailback Bryant Jacobs, the Indians' leading rusher, who weighs almost 100 pounds less than Brown but is one of the squad's best athletes.

The Indians welcome back their top five receivers from a year ago. Mack Vincent, who posted a pair of 100-yard games, is the leading big-play threat. Sean Brown needs only six catches to crack the top 10 on ULM's all-time list.

Tight end Ben Wright is coming off a productive year after injuries forced him to line up at center and tackle in 2000. Not listed on the two-deep is H.J. Adams, a starter in eight games who skipped spring drills to recover from off-season surgery. He's expected back in the fall.

Perhaps the biggest reason for optimism is the offensive line, where four starters return. As a unit, the line was much improved in 2001, giving up only 26 sacks after surrendering 50 the year before. Robert Aguirre, who started every game at center, saw considerable action at left tackle during the spring. Returning starters Shane Luna and Zack Sims man the guard positions. Leo Pruneda will start at right tackle with Larry Pink penciled in on the left. A preseason all-conference selection last year, Pink missed the entire season with a knee injury sustained in training camp. He sat out spring drills but will return for two-a-days.

With 10 starters returning, there's only one hole to fill on defense. But the spot vacated by all-conference tackle Donald Malveaux is a formidable one. Jamond Mason-Taylor, who made two starts in 2001, will get a chance to step up.

Elsewhere, the line features two players

who started every game: left end John Thompson, the line's best pass rusher, and nosetackle Corey Conde. Right end Maynard Johnny appeared in 10 games, nine as a starter.

Maurice Sonnier lined up at both outside and middle linebacker, and he hit hard and ran fast from both positions. He leads an athletic tandem that also includes John Winchester. Sonnier, one of the top defensive players in the Sun Belt, led the Indians in tackles and is their best pass rusher.

The secondary is deep and experienced with seven players returning who started two or more games. Leading the unit are free safety Chris Harris and right corner Seneca Lee. Harris started every game but one as a redshirt freshman and was third on the team in tackles. Lee is expected to start for the third consecutive year. Also returning is left corner Cash Mouton, who started as a freshman. Others who figure to see plenty of action are A.J. Bocard and Damien Richard.

Midway through the season, all kicking duties were turned over to Tyler Kuecker. He brought immediate stability and credibility to the kicking game.

Depth Chart

Offense (8)

WR 17 Mack Vincent (Jr.)	85 Brandon Hebert (Jr.)
WR 18 Sean Brown (Sr.)	6 Brooks Greer (Jr.)
LT 61 Larry Pink (Sr.)	76 Bruce Hampton (So.)
LG 71 Zack Sims (Sr.)	70 Kenny Ordeneaux (Jr.)
C 51 Robert Aguirre (Jr.)	52 Hayden Wadsworth (So.)
RG 78 Shane Luna (Jr.)	73 Ben Zapata (Jr.)
RT 75 Leo Pruneda (Sr.)	74 Josh Wade (Jr.)
TE 84 Ben Wright (Sr.)	88 Dwayne Donald (Jr.)
QB 9 Adam Gatlin (So.)	10 Daniel DaPrato (Jr.)
FB 32 Ivory Brown (Sr.)	41 Jeremy Hammock (Jr.)
TB 8 Bryant Jacobs (Sr.)	23 Keith Thomas (Sr.)

Defense (10)

DE 94 John Thompson (Jr.)	95 Brennan Bertrand (Sr.)
NT 90 Corey Conde (Jr.)	58 Lloyd Brimmer (So.)
DT 59 Jamond Mason-Taylor (Jr.)	97 Jonathan Williams (So.)
DE 89 Marbrae Wilson (Fr.)	92 Maynard Johnny (So.)
LB 12 John Winchester (So.)	33 LeKeith Robinson (So.)
LB 45 Maurice Sonnier (Jr.)	42 Carlos Hughes (Sr.)
CB 21 Cash Mouton (So.)	7 Mikkal Henry (Jr.)
CB 2 Seneca Lee (Jr.)	27 Jaron James (So.)
SS 47 Damien Richard (So.)	22 Travin Moore (So.)
SS 26 A.J. Bocard (So.)	19 Shaune Maynard (Jr.)
FS 5 Chris Harris (So.)	3 Calvin Hall (So.)

Special Teams

K 31 Tyler Kuecker (Jr.)
P 31 Tyler Kuecker (Jr.)
KR 8 Bryant Jacobs (Sr.)
PR 7 Mikkal Henry (Jr.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Bobby Keasler
2002 Prediction: 5th Sun Belt

2001 Record (Sun Belt): 2-9 (2-4)
Malone Stadium (30,427)



Louisiana-Monroe SID

Maurice Sonnier

starters, ULM figures to have a fighting chance. For his part, fourth-year head coach Bobby Keasler is making no excuses. "We haven't taken shortcuts," he says. "We've played freshmen and sophomores. But we're a veteran football team now and it's time to produce."

6 Louisiana-Monroe will play six home games for the first time since stepping up to Division I-A status in 1994.

Maybe it's not fair for the Indians to hang their hopes on the arm of a quarterback who has never played a down at the collegiate level. But such is the case with Adam Gatlin, who emerged as the starter during spring drills.

A classic dropback passer, Gatlin steps in for Andy Chance, who quit football after sustaining a series of concussions. Gatlin, whose last game action came in 1999 as a high school senior, will be the first pupil of Tommy



On paper, things look pretty bleak for the San Jose State Spartans. Only six starters return from last year's 3-9 squad, including one from a defense that ranked dead last in the nation in total defense.

Of the team's 13 games, an almost unheard-of nine are on the road, including two against Big Ten heavyweights Ohio State

and Illinois, as well as Washington and Stanford from the Pac-10.

If that isn't enough, rumors are circulating that the Spartans could soon be joining the ranks of Cal State Northridge, Cal State Fullerton and Long Beach State as California state universities who were forced to drop football because of budget woes. None of which seems to faze second-year head coach Fitz Hill.

Hill is also counting on big things from a recruiting class that includes three junior col-

lege All-Americans, who could make a quick impact.

Marcus Arroyo returns at quarterback and is expected to start for the third consecutive season, though Hill says he will not announce his starter until preseason camp. Arroyo enjoyed one magical night in an otherwise mediocre season. In the Spartans' 64-45 win over Nevada, the senior completed 21-of-26 passes for 476 yards and five touchdowns. In San Jose State's 11 other games, Arroyo managed just 1,429 yards and threw 14 interceptions and eight touchdowns.

Sophomore Beau Pierce, and junior college transfer Scott Rislov also are getting strong looks from Hill.

The Spartans lose two good running backs in Deonce Whitaker and Jamar Julien.

Hill is high on three sophomores who performed well in limited duty last season. Tiny Lamar Ferguson (5'5", 143) finished third on the squad in rushing behind Julien and Whitaker and averaged 5.2 yards on his 58 carries. Clarence Cunningham averaged 5.1 yards on his 18 carries while Lance Martin was one of the stars of spring drills. Brandon Miles (6'0",

253), who started at defensive tackle last season, has been moved to fullback.

The receivers could be the team's strength despite the fact that record-breaker Edell Shepherd is gone.

That's because senior Charles Pauley, who had 41 receptions and was eighth in the WAC in all-purpose running, returns, as does junior Tuati Wooden, who had 37 catches.

Senior Marcus Helfman and junior Courtney Anderson are the tight ends.

Along the offensive line, the Spartans must replace three starters. Senior right tackle Tim Provost, a three-year starter, anchors the unit. Also back is left guard Joseph Hayes.

With Miles moving over to fullback, every position on the defensive front is up for grabs.

One spot that Hill believes will be much improved is tackle where Adonis Forrest (6'3", 294) and first-team junior

college All-American Eddie Brown Jr. (6'3", 295) add some much-needed beef to what was an undersized line. Seniors Chip Kimmich and Ethan Allen and junior Steve Nash are the frontrunners for the starting defensive end spots.

The good news is senior outside linebacker Luke La Herran and junior inside linebacker Paul Okumu are back healthy and figure to start again for a unit decimated by injury in 2001. Junior college transfer Philip Perry will also battle for playing time at inside linebacker while senior Brian Foreman and junior Michael Smith should see time at outside linebacker.

In a conference where a number of teams use sophisticated four- and five-wide receiver passing attacks, the secondary can make or break a defense.

Junior Zack Rance moved from linebacker and will start at strong safety. Among those battling for playing time in this inexperienced defensive backfield will be junior Melvin Cook, who started the first half of the 2001 season, and a trio of junior college cornerbacks — Ashanti Davison, Mario Vital and Quincy Washington.

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

WR 10 Charles Pauley (Sr.)	81 Juan Walden (Sr.)
WR 85 Tuati Wooden (Jr.)	82 Jared Pimentel (So.)
RT 59 Tim Provost (Sr.)	63 Eric Olson (Fr.)
RG 54 Charley Dehoney (Sr.)	65 Kevin Israel (Jr.)
C 77 LaMons Walker (Sr.)	60 Mark Manning (Fr.)
LG 70 Joseph Hayes (Jr.)	66 Justin Arrington (Jr.)
LT 78 Jeff Gordon (Jr.)	75 Dorsey Mitchell (Jr.)
TE 88 Marcus Helfman (Sr.)	89 Courtney Anderson (Jr.)
QB 2 Marcus Arroyo (Sr.)	16 Beau Pierce (So.)
FB 45 Brandon Miles (Sr.)	34 Jonathan McDaniel (Jr.)
RB 19 Lamar Ferguson (So.)	25 Clarence Cunningham (So.)

Defense (1)

DE 83 Ethan Allen (Sr.)	40 Steve Nash (Jr.)
DT 90 Adonis Forrest (Sr.)	96 David Bridgewater (Jr.)
DT Eddie Brown, Jr. (Jr.)	93 Jason Gustus (Jr.)
DE 44 Chip Kimmich (Sr.)	95 Justin James (Fr.)
LB 20 Luke La Herran (Sr.)	29 Mike Liranzo (So.)
LB 9 Paul Okumu (Jr.)	27 Phillip Perry (Jr.)
LB 17 Brian Foreman (Sr.)	55 Michael Smith (Jr.)
CB 37 Ashanti Davison (Jr.)	Quincy Washington (Jr.)
CB Mario Vital (Jr.)	28 Shaun Fletcher (Sr.)
SS 7 Zack Rance (Jr.)	30 Skyler McKnight (Jr.)
FS 22 Melvin Cook (Jr.)	41 C.J. Arnold (Sr.)

Special Teams

K 13 Nick Gilliam (Sr.)
P 39 Michael Carr (Sr.)
KR 10 Charles Pauley (Sr.)
PR 10 Charles Pauley (Sr.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Fitz Hill
2002 Prediction: 10th WAC

2001 Record (WAC): 3-9 (3-5)
Spartan Stadium (30,546)



Mitch Haddad

Marcus Arroyo

and Illinois, as well as Washington and Stanford from the Pac-10.

If that isn't enough, rumors are circulating that the Spartans could soon be joining the ranks of Cal State Northridge, Cal State Fullerton and Long Beach State as California state universities who were forced to drop football because of budget woes. None of which seems to faze second-year head coach Fitz Hill.

500.8

San Jose State finished last in the nation in total defense in 2001. The Spartans allowed 500.8 yards per game.

"You hear a lot of that (about dropping football), but you don't let that get in front of your mission," Hill says.

Hill is also counting on big things from a recruiting class that includes three junior col-



UL-Lafayette ragin' cajuns

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In spite of a 3-8 record, Louisiana-Lafayette was noticeably improved a year ago and came within four points of breaking even in the Sun Belt. But that was not enough to save head coach Jerry Baldwin's job. He was replaced by Rickey Bustle who, for the last seven seasons at Virginia Tech, tutored such stalwarts as Jim Druckenmiller and Michael Vick.

and completed 55 percent of his passes.

The Cajuns have a capable back in Jerome Coleman. A punishing runner, Coleman posted solid numbers last year (625 yards rushing, 10 touchdowns) in spite of nagging injuries that limited his playing time and production. Beyond Coleman, there are no experienced runners returning. The diminutive Dontrell Davis is in Coleman's shadow, figuratively and literally. Senior fullback Blake Bourque did not have a single rush last season and is not likely to have many this year.

Four of the top five receivers, including the top two, are back for the Cajuns. This position is as competitive as it is deep. Top returnee Nick Dugas (60 catches, 616 yards, three TDs) was named second-team All-Sun Belt but was listed behind Andre George (24 catches, 267 yards) after spring practice. Frederick Stamps is the most explosive member of the unit. "Fred's a big-play guy and he's got to really stay focused," says Bustle. "The guys who can make big plays, you want to keep giving them the opportunity."

Josh Joerg is slated to start again at tight end.

Left tackle Jonathon Raush, a second-team all-conference selection, is the

leader of the youthful offensive line that allowed only 10 sacks in conference play. At left guard, Greg Hodges was running ahead of last year's starter, D'Anthony Batiste. On the right side, Demetrios Brooks returns at tackle where he will be playing beside redshirt freshman Corey Glover. Glover replaces Tony Hull, who was moved to center.

Defensive tackles Walter Sampson and Charley Smith serve as the anchors for the Cajuns' new eight-man front. Justin Venable appeared in only two games last year but made great strides in spring practice to nail down the starting job at left end. Antonio Floyd was impressive on the right side.

The four-linebacker alignment is led by second-team all-conference selection Ross Brupbacher. The team's top returning tackler, Brupbacher recorded 12 tackles for a loss and had two fumble recoveries. His running mate is Stanley

Smith, who started two games as a true freshman. But Marrious Berry, the team's third-leading tackler, will certainly see plenty of action. The Cajuns have excellent speed at outside linebacker with Jamaal Sanders and Jamal Smith. A healthy Ricky Calais, who tore an ACL in the season's fourth game, could shuffle the lineup when he returns in the fall.

The secondary features cornerback Charles Tillman, arguably the best defensive player in the league. Tillman has 10 interceptions over the last two seasons. After Tillman, the defensive backfield is short on experience. Ivan Taylor was moved to right corner after rushing for 323 yards last year. Brian Deamer appeared in only three games last fall but emerged from spring practice as the first-team free safety.

The kicking game will be on the capable toes of Jonathon Knott, who will handle all placekicking and punting duties. Knott hit 10-of-15 field goals last year, including 3-of-4 beyond 40 yards, and averaged 36.6 yards per punt. The return game was ineffective last year. Dugas and Stamps will battle for the punt return job; Taylor and Stamps will serve on kickoff returns.



Jon Van Cleave

Bustle inherits a team that is regarded as one of the most athletic in the league, but is probably a year or two away from making a run at the league title. In the meantime, they are anything but pushovers and should be a lot of fun to watch.

1938 The Ragin' Cajuns play LSU this fall for the first time since 1938. UL-Lafayette, previously known as Southwestern Louisiana, has never defeated LSU.

No one is putting quarterback Jon Van Cleave in the same category as Bustle's former pupils. But he has to love the junior's NFL size and sizzling numbers from last season. Van Cleave shattered many school records formerly held by ex-New Orleans Saints QB Jake Delhomme. Van Cleave passed for 200 yards or more in seven games

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

WR 2 Frederick Stamps (Jr.)	19 B.J. Crist (So.)
WR 15 Andre George (Sr.)	18 Nick Dugas (Sr.)
LT 74 Jonathon Raush (Sr.)	70 Marques Smith (Jr.)
LG 62 Greg Hodges (So.)	61 D'Anthony Batiste (Jr.)
C 52 Tony Hull (Jr.)	69 Ronnie Harvey (So.)
RG 67 Corey Glover (Fr.)	68 Mike Moore (Fr.)
RT 77 Demetrios Brooks (So.)	73 Kerone Dixoin (Fr.)
TE 87 Josh Joerg (Jr.)	88 Lawrence Johnson (So.)
QB 3 Jon Van Cleave (Jr.)	7 Matt Lane (So.)
FB 33 Blake Bourque (Sr.)	45 Elliot Temple (So.)
RB 32 Jerome Coleman (Sr.)	5 Dontrell Davis (Jr.)

Defense (4)

DE 48 Justin Venable (Sr.)	49 Gary Rudick (So.)
DT 95 Charley Smith (Sr.)	64 Justin Taylor (So.)
DT 94 Walter Sampson (Sr.)	63 Daniel Taylor (Jr.)
DE 47 Antonio Floyd (Jr.)	55 Derace James (Jr.)
LB 23 Jamaal Sanders (Jr.)	8 Ricky Calais (Sr.)
LB 4 Stanley Smith (So.)	51 Marrious Berry (Sr.)
LB 59 Ross Brupbacher (Sr.)	54 Dallas Charles (Jr.)
LB 26 Jamal Smith (Jr.)	16 Stephen Archangel (Jr.)
CB 5 Charles Tillman (Sr.)	35 Atiba Dauzart (Sr.)
CB 27 Ivan Taylor (Sr.)	19 Carlos Hicks (Sr.)
FS 36 Brian Deamer (Sr.)	22 Patrick Lamy (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 38 Jonathon Knott (Sr.)
P 38 Jonathon Knott (Sr.)
KR 27 Ivan Taylor (Sr.)
PR 18 Nick Dugas (Sr.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Rickey Bustle 2001 Record (Sun Belt): 3-8 (2-4)
2002 Prediction: 6th Sun Belt Cajun Field (31,000)



The Jeff Woodruff era at Eastern Michigan has produced just five wins in two years. Time, however, is on his side. The Eagles have enjoyed just one winning season (6-5 in 1995) since 1989, and the school realizes it will take time to rebuild the EMU program.

Woodruff and his staff have put together two solid recruiting classes and remain com-

ning of the 2001 season, has recovered from a shoulder injury, but he figures to be a backup this year.

Ime Akpan gained just 98 yards rushing during an injury-shortened 2001 season, but the powerful 6'0", 230-pound senior was healed in time to participate in spring practice. He is expected to be the Eagles' top threat out of the backfield.

The Eagles return wideout Kevin Walter, a 6'3" 220-pound senior who led EMU with 62 receptions, 748 yards and six TDs. C.R. Roberson was Eastern's leading rusher in 2001 but has been moved to receiver due to the depth at running back. Chris Talley, Erik Ibom and Alonzo Harris return, but EMU will sorely miss its second-leading receiver from a year ago, Terrence Lloyd, who is not returning for his senior year. Woodruff expects incoming freshmen Dan Fugate, Courtney Evans and LaGarian Houston to play right away.

Kevin Zureki and Brett Wells return at tight end, but they combined for just 13 catches for 173 yards.

Dan Davis, an undersized lineman, is the lone returning starter from a unit that struggled during the 2001 season. Having so many new faces in the trenches may be a good thing.

The coaching staff is excited about probable starters Michael Johnson, Scott Golem, Derrick Swanigan and converted tight end Tom Kaleita. Woodruff feels this squad will be stronger and faster than last season's.

The Eagles return three starters on the line from a defense that yielded a respectable 376 total yards per game in 2001. End Matt Kudu started as a true freshman (41 tackles) and should be one of the more improved players on the team. Veteran Jari Brown has been a mainstay at defensive tackle for EMU, and C.J. Roberson returns at the rush end position.

Eastern Michigan took a huge hit at linebacker with the graduation of Scott Russell and Kenny Philpot, the second- and fifth-leading tacklers, respectively, in school history.

Three new starters must be found. Middle linebacker David Lusky "can be a special player for us," says Woodruff. Lusky, the leader of the special teams units last year, will be joined by Keyvon Barbee and Kevin Harrison. Woodruff also loves the play of freshman John Wester (6'1", 241) who the coach calls "the most impressive player on the team."

Although the Eagles were respectable defending the pass last fall, Eastern's defensive backs only mustered six interceptions all year, the second-lowest total in the conference. "We will be a different-looking team back there," says Woodruff. Erick Middleton, Michael Woods and Jerry Gaines are the three returning starters; the latter two were true freshmen last fall.

Competition at the corners will come from Nate Brooks, Steven Lewis and Gavin Gardner. Jamie Manor comes from the junior college ranks and looks to play right away at free safety.

Eric Klaban returns as the placekicker and handled all kickoff duties in 2001. David Rysko returns as the punter but will need to improve on his 35.8-yard average.



Eastern Michigan SID

Kevin Walter

mitted to building the team with high school talent rather than junior college transfers.

This fall, the Eagles welcome back 11 starters and 29 lettermen. A manageable schedule with six home games — including two I-AA foes — may provide EMU an opportunity for a winning record.

127

EMU lost a 65-62 triple-overtime thriller at Akron last year. The 127 combined points are a MAC record, and the game was the second-highest scoring Division I-A game ever played.

Kainoa Akina started seven games at quarterback as a true freshman last year and led the team with 1,504 passing yards and 14 touchdowns. Akina set a school record with six touchdown passes in a loss at Akron in the final week of the season.

Jeff Crooks, Eastern's starter at the begin-

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

TE 82 Kevin Zureki (Jr.)	89 Brett Wells (Sr.)
LT 67 Michael Johnson (Jr.)	79 Brad Kegebein (Fr.)
LG 59 Dan Davis (So.)	61 Gemayel Cowser (Fr.)
C 74 Scott Golem (So.)	63 Brian Harper (Fr.)
RG 60 Derrick Swanigan (Jr.)	78 Brian Booth (Fr.)
RT 75 Tom Kaleita (So.)	66 Mario Tucker (So.)
WR 1 Kevin Walter (Sr.)	83 Erik Ibom (Sr.)
WR 6 C.R. Roberson (So.)	83 Erik Ibom (Sr.)
WR 81 Chris Talley (So.)	15 Alonzo Harris (So.)
QB 12 Kainoa Akina (So.)	8 Jeff Crooks (Jr.)
TB 34 Ime Akpan (Sr.)	5 Kallim Hazel (So.)

Defense (6)

DE 95 Matt Kudu (So.)	90 Olivier Gagnon-Gordillo (Fr.)
DT 93 Jari Brown (Sr.)	57 Brian Jenkins (Jr.)
DT 91 Hammond Russell (Jr.)	97 Eric Pettway (So.)
DE 52 C.J. Roberson (Sr.)	92 Matt Lisek (Fr.)
LB 18 Kevin Harrison (So.)	37 Mike Salvatori (Jr.)
LB 54 David Lusky (Jr.)	45 Steve Bednark (Fr.)
LB 21 Keyvon Barbee (So.)	9 John Wester (Fr.)
CB 8 Michael Woods (So.)	23 Steven Lewis (So.)
CB 35 Nate Brooks (So.)	29 Erick Middleton (Sr.)
FS 11 Jamie Manor (Jr.)	30 Mark Carter (So.)
SS 32 Jerry Gaines (So.)	25 Corey Parker (So.)

Special Teams

K 27 Eric Klaban (Sr.)
P 28 David Rysko (Jr.)
KR 6 C.R. Roberson (So.)
PR 6 C.R. Roberson (So.)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD Indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Jeff Woodruff 2001 Record (MAC): 2-9 (1-6)
2002 Prediction: 7th MAC West Rynearson Stadium (30,200)

When a change in conference did not reverse the fortunes of the Arkansas State Indians, a change in coaches took place.

New coach Steve Roberts will look to "change the mindset, the attitude, the competitiveness and the enthusiasm," of his first Division I-A team, one that has compiled just three wins in the past two seasons, including

chart is Bryan Gauthreaux, who started the final two games of 2001.

The Indians will look to Danny Smith to fill the shoes of the departed Jonathan Adams, a talented runner who rushed for back-to-back 1,000-yard seasons. Smith redshirted last season after breaking his arm in the third game. Roberts likes Smith's punishing style and toughness. At fullback, Shane Tolleson should get the starting nod over Beau Shrable.

If the Indians can feel good about a skill position on offense, it's wide receiver. James Hickenbotham is an explosive, athletic receiver who will be expected to anchor a young and inexperienced corps. Hickenbotham, who will again return kicks and punts, was double-teamed often as a junior and will have to figure out how to free himself for whichever quarterback is calling signals. "He definitely has the ability to break a game open," Roberts says.

At tight end, seldom-used Frank Arritt will get some on-the-job training, as will converted linebacker Michael Brooks.

The most heralded player in the Arkansas State lineup is left tackle Garry Johnson, a Lombardi Award nominee

who has started every game in his career. Johnson has given up just two sacks in three years.

Three-year starter John Crossley will start at right guard, while Steven Gibbs and Anthony Mitchell will return to their starting roles at right tackle and left guard, respectively. Tab Slaughter, a reserve last fall, won the starting spot at center during the spring.

The three defensive line starters from 2001 return, and converted linebacker Courtney Todd will join the trio as the fourth down lineman in Roberts' 4-2-5 scheme.

Senior Corey Williams earned second-team All-Sun Belt honors from his defensive end position, while Brian Rucker started every game at nose tackle and John Bradley started opposite Williams. Bradley will be moved inside, while Todd will line up on the outside.

Les Echols will man one of the two line-

backer slots, while Syracuse transfer Reggie Everett impressed the new coaching staff in the spring and won the other position. Echols saw action at safety as a freshman, then moved to linebacker last year and led the team in tackles and interceptions. "Les understands the game and has tremendous speed," Roberts says.

The Indians will line up with three safeties and two cornerbacks. Alex Peoples started three games as a true freshman last year and heads into fall as the starting free safety. At weak safety is the athletic Maurice Joyner, who could move to corner if necessary. Corey Murray is slated for strong safety, though veteran Keith Headley may find his way onto the field at any one of the safety slots. Junior college transfer Lamar Lee is another player who caught Roberts' eye this spring and will be given a shot at safety at some point. At the corners, Chuck Allen and returning starter Chris Jones will be asked to hold the positions until some depth can be developed.

Redshirt freshman kicker Eric Neihouse had an impressive spring but has yet to be tested under fire. Senior Mike Alexander would like to be less busy than last season, when he booted 68 punts for a 37.8 average.



Arkansas State SID

James Hickenbotham

two last year in its inaugural season in the Sun Belt Conference.

"We have to play with the right amount of passion and enthusiasm this game deserves. If we do that, wins and losses will take care of themselves," Roberts says.



Arkansas State has just four road wins in 60 games since moving to Division I-A in 1992. The last road victory was at North Texas in 1999.

Arkansas State started four different quarterbacks in 2001. All four quarterbacks are back in 2002, yet the position remains cloudy heading into preseason camp. Sophomore Josh Driscoll has a slight edge over Elliott Jacobs and Tommy Miller, but Miller was unable to participate in contact drills due to an ACL injury, so Roberts has yet to see what he can truly do. Lurking fourth on the depth

Depth Chart

Offense (8)

WR 26 James Hickenbotham (Sr.)	13 Jason Wood (So.)
WR 22 Chuck Walker (So.)	80 Jerry Mack (Jr.)
LT 74 Garry Johnson (Sr.)	71 Burt Samples (Sr.)
LG 72 Anthony Mitchell (Jr.)	65 Jesse Duncan (Sr.)
C 52 Tab Slaughter (So.)	54 John Allison (Sr.)
RG 79 John Crossley (Sr.)	77 Brandon Crocker (So.)
RT 73 Steven Gibbs (So.)	87 Brian Day (So.)
TE 82 Frank Arritt (Jr.)	55 Mike Brooks (So.)
QB 8 Josh Driscoll (So.)	12 Elliott Jacobs (So.)
FB 31 Shane Tolleson (Sr.)	25 Andre Covington (So.)
RB 21 Danny Smith (Sr.)	10 Jerome Stegall (So.)

Defense (8)

DE 31 John Bradley (Sr.)	46 Chris Hogan (Jr.)
DT 99 Corey Williams (Sr.)	58 Bryant Berry (Jr.)
NT 96 Brian Rucker (Jr.)	58 Bryant Berry (Jr.)
DE 19 Courtney Todd (So.)	40 David Vargas (Jr.)
LB 44 Reggie Everett (Jr.)	48 Steven Tookes (So.)
LB 32 Les Echols (Jr.)	37 Eddie Walker (So.)
CB 47 Chuck Allen (Sr.)	43 Paris Fouts (So.)
CB 6 Chris Jones (Jr.)	43 Paris Fouts (So.)
SS 29 Maurice Joyner (Sr.)	17 Lamar Lee (Jr.)
FS 39 Alex Peoples (So.)	3 Casey Venters (Sr.)
WS 14 Keith Headley (Sr.)	2 Corey Murray (Sr.)

Special Teams

K 88 Eric Neihouse (Fr.)
P 38 Mike Alexander (Sr.)
KR 26 James Hickenbotham (Sr.)
PR 26 James Hickenbotham (Sr.)

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Head Coach: Steve Roberts 2001 Record (Sun Belt): 2-9 (2-4)
2002 Prediction: 7th Sun Belt Indian Stadium (33,410)

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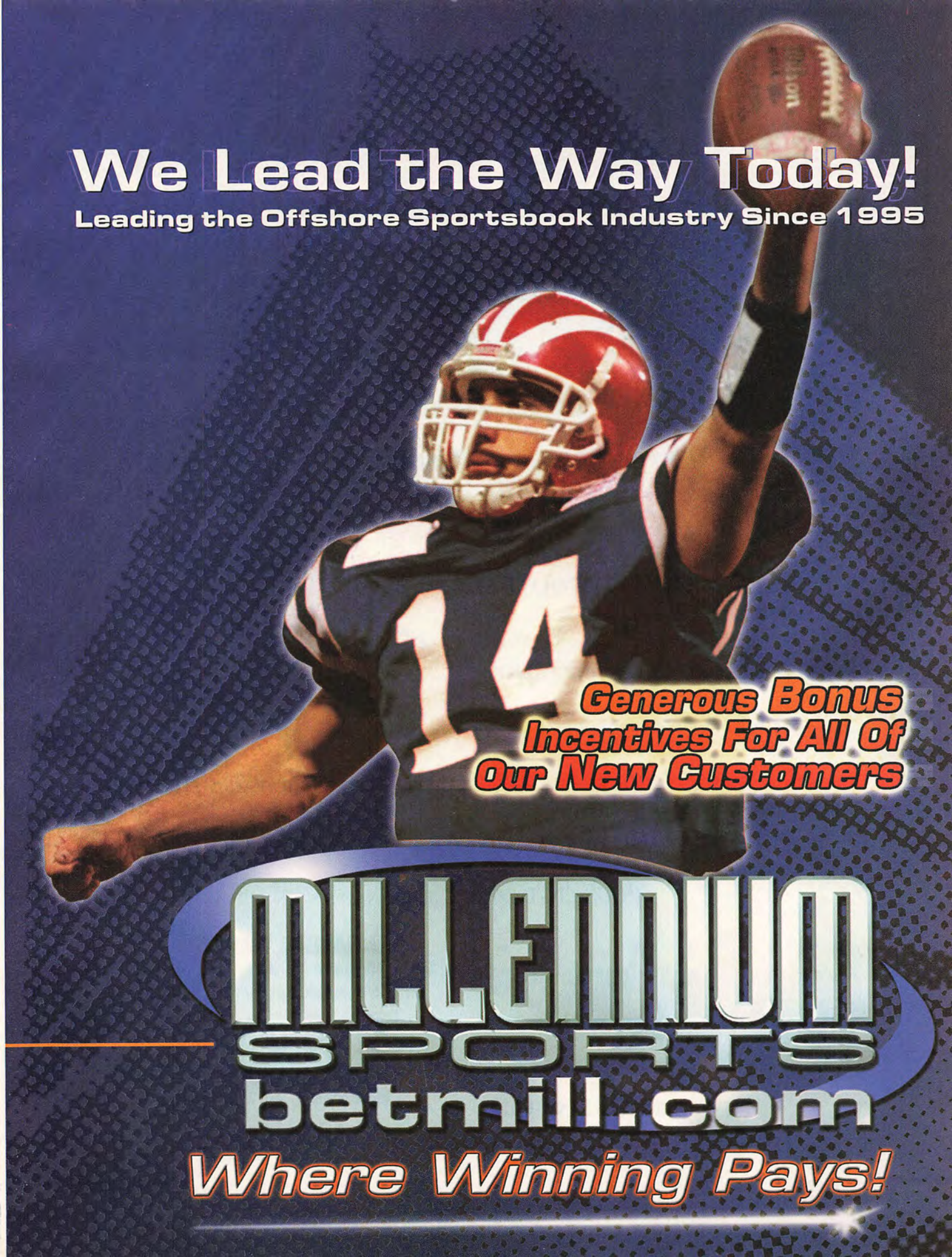
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O. 19 at Virginia
O. 19 Wake Forest
O. 26 NC State
N. 2 at Duke
N. 9 at North Carolina
N. 16 Maryland
N. 23 South Carolina

DUKE (0-11)

Durham, NC
A. 31 East Carolina
S. 7 Louisville
S. 14 at Northwestern
S. 21 at Florida State
S. 28 at Navy
O. 5 Virginia
O. 12 at Wake Forest
O. 19 at NC State
O. 26 Maryland
N. 2 Clemson
N. 16 at Georgia Tech
N. 23 North Carolina

FLORIDA STATE (8-4)

Tallahassee, FL
A. 24 Iowa State@
A. 31 Virginia
S. 14 at Maryland
S. 21 Duke
S. 26 at Louisville
O. 3 Clemson
O. 12 at Miami
N. 2 Notre Dame
N. 9 at Wake Forest
N. 16 North Carolina
N. 23 at NC State
N. 30 Florida
@Kansas City, MO

GEORGIA TECH (8-5)

Atlanta, GA
A. 31 Vanderbilt
S. 7 at Connecticut
S. 14 at Clemson
S. 21 BYU
S. 28 at North Carolina
O. 5 Wake Forest
O. 17 at Maryland
O. 26 Virginia
N. 2 at NC State
N. 9 Florida State
N. 16 Duke
N. 30 at Georgia

MARYLAND (10-2)

College Park, MD
A. 31 Notre Dame@
S. 7 Akron
S. 14 Florida State
S. 21 Eastern Michigan
S. 28 Wofford
O. 5 at West Virginia
O. 17 Georgia Tech
O. 26 at Duke
N. 2 at North Carolina
N. 9 NC State
N. 16 at Clemson
N. 23 at Virginia
N. 30 Wake Forest
@East Rutherford, NJ

NORTH CAROLINA (8-5)

Chapel Hill, NC
A. 31 Miami (OH)
S. 7 at Syracuse
S. 14 Texas
S. 28 Georgia Tech
O. 5 at Arizona State
O. 12 NC State
O. 19 at Virginia
O. 26 at Wake Forest
N. 2 Maryland
N. 9 Clemson
N. 16 at Florida State
N. 23 at Duke

NC STATE (7-5)

Raleigh, NC
A. 24 New Mexico
A. 31 East Tenn. State
S. 7 at Navy
S. 14 Wake Forest
S. 21 at Texas Tech
S. 28 Massachusetts
O. 12 at North Carolina
O. 19 Duke
O. 26 at Clemson
N. 2 Georgia Tech
N. 9 at Maryland
N. 16 at Virginia
N. 23 Florida State

VIRGINIA (5-7)

Charlottesville, VA
A. 22 Colorado State
A. 31 at Florida State
S. 7 South Carolina
S. 21 Akron
S. 28 at Wake Forest
O. 5 at Duke
O. 12 Clemson
O. 19 North Carolina
O. 26 at Georgia Tech
N. 9 at Penn State
N. 16 NC State
N. 23 Maryland
N. 30 at Virginia Tech

WAKE FOREST (6-5)

Winston-Salem, NC
A. 29 at Northern Illinois
S. 7 East Carolina
S. 14 at Texas State
S. 21 at Purdue
S. 28 Virginia
O. 5 at Georgia Tech
O. 12 Duke
O. 19 at Clemson
O. 26 North Carolina
N. 2 Florida State
N. 23 Navy
N. 30 at Maryland

Big East

BOSTON COLLEGE (8-4)

Chestnut Hill, MA
A. 31 Connecticut
S. 7 Stanford
S. 21 at Miami
S. 28 Central Michigan
O. 10 Virginia Tech
O. 19 Navy
O. 26 at Pittsburgh
N. 2 Notre Dame
N. 9 at West Virginia
N. 16 Syracuse
N. 23 at Temple
N. 30 Rutgers

MIAMI (12-0)

Coral Gables, FL
A. 31 Florida A&M
S. 7 at Florida
S. 14 at Temple
S. 21 Boston College
O. 5 Connecticut
O. 12 Florida State
O. 26 at West Virginia
N. 2 at Rutgers
N. 9 at Tennessee
N. 21 Pittsburgh
N. 30 at Syracuse
D. 7 Virginia Tech

PITTSBURGH (7-5)

Pittsburgh, PA
A. 31 Ohio
S. 7 Texas A&M
S. 14 at UAB
S. 21 Rutgers
S. 28 Toledo
O. 5 at Syracuse
O. 12 at Notre Dame
O. 26 Boston College
N. 2 at Virginia Tech
N. 9 Temple
N. 21 at Miami
N. 30 West Virginia

RUTGERS (2-9)

New Brunswick, NJ
A. 31 Villanova
S. 7 Buffalo
S. 14 Army
S. 21 at Pittsburgh
S. 28 at Tennessee
O. 12 West Virginia
O. 19 at Virginia Tech
O. 26 at Syracuse
N. 2 Miami
N. 16 Temple
N. 23 at Notre Dame
N. 30 at Boston College

SYRACUSE (10-3)

Syracuse, NY
A. 29 at BYU
S. 7 North Carolina
S. 14 Rhode Island
S. 28 at Auburn
O. 5 Pittsburgh
O. 12 at Temple
O. 19 at West Virginia
O. 26 Rutgers
N. 2 at UCF
N. 9 Virginia Tech
N. 16 Boston College
N. 30 Miami

TEMPLE (4-7)

Philadelphia, PA
A. 31 Richmond
S. 5 Oregon State
S. 14 Miami
S. 21 at South Carolina
S. 28 Cincinnati
O. 12 at Syracuse
O. 19 at Connecticut
O. 26 at Virginia Tech
N. 2 West Virginia
N. 9 at Pittsburgh
N. 16 at Rutgers
N. 23 Boston College

VIRGINIA TECH (8-4)

Blacksburg, VA
A. 25 Arkansas State
S. 1 LSU
S. 12 Marshall
S. 21 at Texas A&M
S. 28 at Western Michigan
O. 10 at Boston College
O. 19 Rutgers
O. 26 Temple
N. 2 Pittsburgh
N. 9 at Syracuse
N. 20 West Virginia
N. 30 Virginia
D. 7 at Miami

WEST VIRGINIA (3-8)

Morgantown, WV
A. 31 Chattanooga
S. 7 at Wisconsin
S. 14 at Cincinnati
S. 28 East Carolina
O. 5 Maryland
O. 12 at Rutgers
O. 19 Syracuse
O. 26 Miami
N. 2 at Temple
N. 9 Boston College
N. 20 at Virginia Tech
N. 30 at Pittsburgh

Big Ten

ILLINOIS (10-2)

Champaign, IL
A. 31 Missouri@
S. 7 at Florida
S. 14 at Temple
S. 21 Arkansas State
S. 28 San Jose State
S. 28 Michigan
O. 5 at Minnesota
O. 12 Purdue
O. 26 Indiana
N. 2 at Penn State
N. 9 at Wisconsin
N. 16 Ohio State
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INDIANA (5-6)

Bloomington, IN
S. 7 at Utah
S. 14 at Kentucky
S. 21 Central Michigan
S. 28 at Ohio State
O. 12 Wisconsin
O. 19 Iowa
O. 26 at Illinois
N. 2 at Northwestern
N. 9 Michigan State
N. 16 Penn State
N. 23 at Purdue

IOWA (7-5)

Iowa City, IA
A. 31 Akron
S. 7 at Miami (OH)
S. 14 Iowa State
S. 21 Utah State
S. 28 at Penn State
O. 12 Purdue
O. 12 Michigan State
O. 19 at Indiana
O. 26 at Michigan
N. 2 Wisconsin
N. 9 Northwestern
N. 16 at Minnesota

MICHIGAN (8-4)

Ann Arbor, MI
A. 31 Washington
S. 7 Western Michigan
S. 14 at Notre Dame
S. 21 Utah
S. 28 at Illinois
O. 12 Penn State
O. 19 at Purdue
O. 26 Iowa
N. 2 Michigan State
N. 9 at Minnesota
N. 16 Wisconsin
N. 23 at Ohio State

MICHIGAN STATE (7-5)

East Lansing, MI
A. 31 Eastern Michigan
S. 7 Rice
S. 14 California
S. 21 Notre Dame
S. 28 Northwestern
O. 12 at Iowa
O. 19 Minnesota
O. 26 Wisconsin
N. 2 at Michigan
N. 9 at Indiana
N. 16 Purdue
N. 23 Penn State

MINNESOTA (4-7)

Minneapolis, MN
A. 31 SW Texas State
A. 25 Louisiana-Lafayette
S. 14 Toledo
S. 21 Buffalo
S. 28 at Purdue
O. 5 Illinois
O. 12 Northwestern
O. 19 at Michigan State
N. 2 at Ohio State
N. 9 Michigan
N. 16 Iowa
N. 23 at Wisconsin

NORTHWESTERN (4-7)

Evanston, IL
A. 31 at Air Force
S. 7 TCU
S. 14 Duke
S. 21 at Navy
S. 28 at Michigan State
O. 5 Ohio State
O. 12 at Minnesota
O. 19 Penn State
O. 26 Purdue
N. 2 Indiana
N. 9 at Iowa
N. 23 Illinois

OHIO STATE (7-5)

Columbus, OH
A. 24 Texas Tech
S. 7 Kent State
S. 14 Washington State
S. 21 at Cincinnati
S. 28 Indiana
O. 5 at Northwestern
O. 12 San Jose State
O. 19 at Wisconsin
O. 26 Penn State
N. 2 Minnesota
N. 9 at Purdue
N. 16 at Illinois
N. 23 Michigan

PENN STATE (5-6)

University Park, PA
A. 31 UCF
S. 14 Nebraska
S. 21 Louisiana Tech
S. 28 Iowa
O. 5 at Wisconsin
O. 12 at Michigan
O. 19 Northwestern
O. 26 at Ohio State
N. 2 Illinois
N. 9 Virginia
N. 16 at Indiana
N. 23 Michigan State

PURDUE (6-6)

West Lafayette, IN
A. 31 Illinois State
S. 7 Notre Dame
S. 14 Western Michigan
S. 21 Wake Forest
S. 28 Minnesota
O. 5 at Iowa
O. 12 at Illinois
O. 19 Michigan
O. 26 at Northwestern
N. 9 Ohio State
N. 16 at Michigan State
N. 23 Indiana

WISCONSIN (5-7)

Madison, WI
A. 23 Fresno State
A. 31 at UNLV
S. 7 West Virginia
S. 14 Northern Illinois
S. 21 Arizona
O. 5 Penn State
O. 12 at Indiana
O. 19 Ohio State
O. 26 at Michigan State
N. 2 at Iowa
N. 9 Illinois
N. 16 at Michigan
N. 23 Minnesota

Big 12

BAYLOR (3-8)

Waco, TX
A. 31 at California
S. 7 Samford
S. 14 at New Mexico
O. 5 Tulsa
O. 12 Kansas
O. 19 Texas A&M
O. 26 at Colorado
O. 19 at Colorado
N. 2 Kansas State
N. 9 at Texas Tech
N. 23 at Texas
N. 16 Oklahoma
N. 23 at Oklahoma State
@Dallas, TX

COLORADO (10-3)

Boulder, CO
A. 31 Colorado State@
S. 7 San Diego State
S. 14 USC
S. 21 UCLA
O. 5 Kansas State
O. 12 at Kansas
O. 19 Baylor
O. 26 Texas Tech
N. 2 at Oklahoma
N. 9 at Missouri
N. 16 Iowa State
N. 29 at Nebraska
@Denver, CO

IOWA STATE (7-5)

Ames, IA
A. 24 Florida State@
A. 31 Kansas
S. 7 Tennessee Tech
S. 14 at Iowa
S. 21 Troy State
S. 28 Nebraska
O. 12 Texas Tech
O. 19 at Oklahoma
O. 26 at Texas
N. 2 Missouri
N. 9 at Kansas State
N. 16 at Colorado
N. 23 Connecticut
@Kansas City, MO

KANSAS (3-8)

Lawrence, KS
A. 31 at Iowa State
S. 7 at UNLV
S. 14 SW Missouri State
S. 21 Bowling Green
S. 28 at Tulsa
O. 5 at Baylor
O. 12 Colorado
O. 19 Texas A&M
O. 26 at Missouri
N. 2 Kansas State
N. 9 at Nebraska
N. 16 Oklahoma State

KANSAS STATE (6-6)

Manhattan, KS
A. 31 Western Kentucky
S. 7 Louisiana-Monroe
S. 14 Eastern Illinois
S. 21 USC
O. 5 at Colorado
O. 12 Oklahoma State
O. 19 Texas
O. 26 at Baylor
N. 2 at Kansas
N. 9 Iowa State
N. 16 Nebraska
N. 23 at Missouri

MISSOURI (4-7)

Columbia, MO
A. 31 Illinois@
S. 7 Ball State
S. 14 at Bowling Green
S. 28 Troy State
O. 5 Oklahoma
O. 12 at Nebraska
O. 19 at Texas Tech
O. 26 Kansas
N. 2 at Iowa State
N. 9 Colorado
N. 16 at Texas A&M
N. 23 Kansas State
@St. Louis, MO

NEBRASKA (11-2)

Lincoln, NE
A. 24 Arizona State
A. 31 Troy State
S. 7 Utah State
S. 14 at Penn State
S. 28 at Iowa State
O. 5 McNeese State
O. 12 Missouri
O. 19 at Oklahoma State
O. 26 Texas
N. 2 Kansas
N. 9 Kansas State
N. 16 at Colorado

OKLAHOMA (11-2)

Norman, OK
A. 30 at Tulsa
S. 7 Alabama
S. 14 UTEP
S. 28 South Florida
O. 5 at Missouri
O. 12 Texas@
O. 19 Iowa State
N. 2 Colorado
N. 9 at Texas A&M
N. 16 at Baylor
N. 23 Texas Tech
N. 30 at Oklahoma State
@Dallas, TX

OKLAHOMA STATE (4-7)

Stillwater, OK
A. 31 Louisiana Tech@
S. 7 Northern Iowa
S. 14 UCLA
S. 21 SMU
O. 5 at Texas
O. 12 at Kansas State
O. 19 Nebraska
N. 2 Texas A&M
N. 9 at Texas Tech
N. 16 at Kansas
N. 23 Baylor
N. 30 Oklahoma
@Shreveport, LA

TEXAS (11-2)

Austin, TX
A. 31 North Texas
S. 14 at North Carolina
S. 21 Houston
S. 28 at Tulane
O. 5 Oklahoma State
O. 12 Oklahoma@
N. 19 at Kansas State
O. 12 Iowa State
N. 2 at Nebraska
N. 9 Baylor
N. 16 at Texas Tech
N. 29 Texas A&M
@Dallas, TX

TEXAS A&M (8-4)

College Station, TX
A. 31 Louisiana-Lafayette
S. 7 at Pittsburgh
S. 21 Virginia Tech
S. 28 Louisiana Tech
O. 5 Texas Tech
O. 12 at Baylor
O. 19 at Kansas
O. 26 Nebraska
N. 2 at Oklahoma State
N. 9 Oklahoma
N. 16 Missouri
N. 29 at Texas

TEXAS TECH (7-5)

Lubbock, TX
A. 24 at Ohio State
S. 7 at SMU
S. 14 Ole Miss
S. 21 NC State
S. 27 at New Mexico
O. 5 at Texas A&M
O. 12 at Iowa State
O. 19 Missouri
O. 26 at Colorado
N. 2 Baylor
N. 9 Oklahoma State
N. 16 Texas
N. 23 at Oklahoma

Conference USA

ARMY (3-8)

West Point, NY
S. 7 Holy Cross
S. 14 at Rutgers
S. 21 Louisville
S. 28 Southern Miss
O. 5 at East Carolina
O. 12 TCU
O. 19 at Houston
O. 26 UAB
N. 9 Air Force
N. 16 at Tulane
N. 23 at Memphis
D. 7 Navy@
@East Rutherford, NJ

CINCINNATI (7-5)

Cincinnati, OH
S. 2 TCU
S. 14 West Virginia
S. 21 Ohio State@
O. 5 Miami (OH)
O. 12 at Tulane
O. 19 at Southern Miss
O. 26 Memphis
N. 2 at East Carolina
N. 9 at Louisville
N. 16 Houston
N. 23 at Hawaii
N. 30 UAB
@Paul Brown Stadium

EAST CAROLINA (6-6)

Greenville, NC
A. 31 at Duke
S. 7 at Wake Forest
S. 14 Tulane
S. 28 at West Virginia
O. 5 Army
O. 19 South Florida
O. 26 at Louisville
N. 2 Cincinnati
N. 9 at Houston
N. 16 at UAB
N. 23 TCU
N. 30 at Southern Miss

HOUSTON (0-11)

Houston, TX
A. 31 at Rice
S. 7 Tulane
S. 14 Louisiana-Lafayette
S. 21 at Texas
O. 5 at TCU
O. 12 at UAB
O. 19 Army
N. 2 at Memphis
N. 9 East Carolina
N. 16 at Cincinnati
N. 23 South Florida
N. 30 Louisville

LOUISVILLE (11-2)

Louisville, KY
S. 1 Kentucky
S. 7 at Duke
S. 14 at Colorado State
S. 21 at Army
S. 26 Florida State
O. 8 at Memphis
O. 19 TCU
O. 26 East Carolina
N. 9 Cincinnati
N. 14 at Southern Miss
N. 23 UAB
N. 30 at Houston

MEMPHIS (5-6)

Memphis, TN
A. 31 Murray State
S. 7 at Ole Miss
S. 14 at Southern Miss
S. 21 Tulane
S. 28 at UAB
O. 8 Louisville
O. 19 Mississippi State
O. 26 at Cincinnati
N. 2 Houston
N. 9 at South Florida
N. 23 Army
N. 30 at TCU

SOUTHERN MISS (6-5)

Hattiesburg, MS
A. 31 Jackson State
S. 7 Illinois
S. 14 Memphis
S. 21 at Alabama
S. 28 at SMU
O. 12 at South Florida
O. 19 Cincinnati
O. 30 at TCU
N. 14 Louisville
N. 23 at Tulane
N. 30 East Carolina

TCU (6-6)

Fort Worth, TX
S. 2 at Cincinnati
S. 7 at Northwestern
S. 14 SMU
S. 21 North Texas
O. 5 Houston
O. 12 at Army
O. 19 at Louisville
O. 30 Southern Miss
N. 9 Tulane
N. 23 at East Carolina
N. 30 Memphis

TULANE (3-9)

New Orleans, LA
A. 31 Southern
S. 7 at Houston
S. 14 at East Carolina
S. 21 at Memphis
S. 28 Texas
O. 5 at Louisiana-Monroe
O. 12 Cincinnati
O. 19 UAB
O. 26 Navy
N. 9 at TCU
N. 16 Army
N. 23 Southern Miss

UAB (6-5)

Birmingham, AL
A. 31 at Florida
S. 7 Troy State
S. 14 Pittsburgh
S. 21 at Louisiana-Lafayette
S. 28 Memphis
O. 12 Houston
O. 19 at Tulane
O. 26 at Army
N. 9 Southern Miss
N. 16 East Carolina
N. 23 at Louisville
N. 30 at Cincinnati

Mid-American**AKRON (4-7)**

Akron, OH
A. 31 at Iowa
S. 7 at Maryland
S. 14 Central Michigan
S. 21 at Virginia
S. 28 Miami (OH)
O. 5 at Eastern Michigan
O. 12 Liberty
O. 26 at UCF
N. 2 Marshall
N. 9 at Ohio
N. 16 Buffalo
N. 23 at Kent State

BALL STATE (5-6)

Muncie, IN
S. 7 at Missouri
S. 14 Indiana State
S. 21 at Clemson
S. 28 at Connecticut
O. 5 Northern Illinois
O. 12 at Toledo
O. 19 Eastern Michigan
O. 26 at Bowling Green
N. 2 Western Michigan
N. 16 at Central Michigan
N. 23 Buffalo
N. 30 at Marshall

BOWLING GREEN (8-3)

Bowling Green, OH
A. 31 Tennessee Tech
S. 14 Missouri
S. 21 at Kansas
O. 5 Ohio
O. 12 at Central Michigan
O. 19 Western Michigan
O. 26 Ball State
N. 2 at Kent State
N. 9 at Northern Illinois
N. 16 at South Florida
N. 23 Eastern Michigan
N. 30 at Toledo

BUFFALO (3-8)

Buffalo, NY
A. 29 Lehigh
S. 7 at Rutgers
S. 14 Connecticut
S. 21 at Minnesota
S. 28 at Ohio
O. 5 Western Michigan
O. 12 at Marshall
O. 19 Miami (OH)
O. 26 Kent State
N. 9 UCF
N. 16 at Akron
N. 23 at Ball State

CENTRAL MICHIGAN (3-8)

Mt. Pleasant, MI
A. 29 Sam Houston
S. 7 Wyoming
S. 14 at Akron
S. 21 at Indiana
S. 28 at Boston College
O. 12 Bowling Green
O. 19 at Northern Illinois
O. 26 Marshall
N. 2 at Eastern Michigan
N. 9 at Toledo
N. 16 Ball State
N. 23 Western Michigan

EASTERN MICHIGAN (2-9)

Ypsilanti, MI
A. 31 at Michigan State
S. 7 Toledo
S. 14 SE Missouri State
S. 21 at Maryland
S. 28 Southern Illinois
O. 5 Akron
O. 12 at Ohio
O. 19 at Ball State
N. 2 Central Michigan
N. 9 at Western Michigan
N. 16 Northern Illinois
N. 23 at Bowling Green

KENT STATE (6-5)

Kent, OH
A. 29 New Hampshire
S. 7 at Ohio State
S. 14 Cal Poly
S. 21 at Miami (OH)
S. 28 at Northern Illinois
O. 5 Marshall
O. 12 Ohio
O. 19 at Buffalo
N. 2 Bowling Green
N. 9 at Connecticut
N. 16 at UCF
N. 23 Akron

MARSHALL (11-2)

Huntington, WV
A. 31 Appalachian State
S. 12 at Virginia Tech
S. 20 UCF
O. 5 at Kent State
O. 12 Buffalo
O. 19 Troy State
O. 26 at Central Michigan
N. 2 at Akron
N. 12 Miami (OH)
N. 23 at Ohio
N. 30 Ball State

MIAMI (OHIO) (7-5)

Oxford, OH
A. 31 at North Carolina
S. 7 Iowa
S. 14 at LSU
S. 21 Kent State
S. 28 at Akron
O. 5 at Cincinnati
O. 12 Northern Illinois
O. 19 at Buffalo
O. 26 at Toledo
N. 2 Ohio
N. 12 at Marshall
N. 23 UCF

NORTHERN ILLINOIS (6-5)

DeKalb, IL
A. 29 Wake Forest
S. 7 at South Florida
S. 14 at Wisconsin
S. 21 Western Illinois
S. 28 Kent State
O. 5 at Ball State
O. 12 at Miami (OH)
O. 19 Central Michigan
O. 26 at Western Michigan
N. 9 Bowling Green
N. 16 at Eastern Michigan
N. 23 Toledo

OHIO (1-10)

Athens, OH
A. 31 at Pittsburgh
S. 7 Northeastern
S. 14 at Florida
S. 21 at Connecticut
S. 28 Buffalo
O. 5 at Bowling Green
O. 12 Eastern Michigan
O. 19 at Kent State
N. 2 at Miami (OH)
N. 9 Akron
N. 23 Marshall
N. 30 at UCF

TOLEDO (10-2)

Toledo, OH
A. 29 Cal Poly
S. 7 at Eastern Michigan
S. 14 at Minnesota
S. 21 UNLV
S. 28 at Pittsburgh
O. 12 Ball State
O. 19 at UCF
O. 26 Miami (OH)
N. 9 Central Michigan
N. 16 at Western Michigan
N. 23 at Northern Illinois
N. 30 Bowling Green

UCF (6-5)

Orlando, FL
A. 31 at Penn State
S. 7 at Arizona State
S. 20 at Marshall
S. 28 Liberty
O. 12 at Western Michigan
O. 19 Toledo
O. 26 Akron
N. 2 Syracuse
N. 9 at Buffalo
N. 16 Kent State
N. 23 at Miami (OH)
N. 30 Ohio

WESTERN MICHIGAN (5-6)

Kalamazoo, MI
A. 29 Indiana State
S. 7 at Michigan
S. 14 at Purdue
S. 28 Virginia Tech
O. 5 at Buffalo
O. 12 UCF
O. 19 at Bowling Green
O. 26 Northern Illinois
N. 2 at Ball State
N. 9 Eastern Michigan
N. 16 Toledo
N. 23 at Central Michigan

Mountain West**AIR FORCE (6-6)**

Colorado Springs, CO
A. 31 Northwestern
S. 7 New Mexico
S. 21 at California
S. 28 at Utah
O. 5 Navy
O. 12 BYU
O. 19 Ohio
O. 26 at Wyoming
N. 2 Bowling Green
N. 9 at Connecticut
N. 16 at UCF
N. 23 Akron

BYU (12-2)

Provo, UT
A. 29 Syracuse
S. 6 Hawaii
S. 12 at Nevada
S. 21 at Georgia Tech
O. 4 at Utah State
O. 12 at Air Force
O. 19 UNLV
O. 24 at Colorado State
N. 2 San Diego State
N. 9 Wyoming
N. 16 New Mexico
N. 23 at Utah

COLORADO STATE (7-5)

Fort Collins, CO
A. 22 at Virginia
A. 31 Colorado@
S. 7 at UCLA
S. 14 Louisville
S. 28 at Nevada
O. 4 at Fresno State
O. 12 Wyoming
O. 19 at Utah
O. 24 BYU
O. 31 at Air Force
N. 16 at San Diego State
N. 23 New Mexico
N. 30 UNLV
@Denver, CO

NEW MEXICO (6-5)

Albuquerque, NM
A. 24 at NC State
S. 1 Weber State
S. 7 at Air Force
S. 14 Baylor
S. 21 at New Mexico State
S. 27 Texas Tech
O. 12 at UNLV
O. 19 at Utah State
O. 26 Utah
N. 9 San Diego State
N. 16 at BYU
N. 23 at Colorado State
N. 30 Wyoming

SAN DIEGO STATE (3-8)

San Diego, CA
A. 31 at Fresno State
S. 7 at Colorado
S. 14 Arizona State
S. 21 at Idaho
S. 28 UCLA
O. 12 Utah
O. 19 at Wyoming
O. 26 UNLV
N. 2 at BYU
N. 9 at New Mexico
N. 16 Colorado State
N. 23 at Air Force

UNLV (4-7)

Las Vegas, NV
A. 31 Wisconsin
S. 7 Kansas
S. 14 at Oregon State
S. 21 at Toledo
O. 5 Nevada
O. 12 New Mexico
O. 19 at BYU
O. 26 at San Diego State
N. 2 Wyoming
N. 9 at Utah
N. 16 Air Force
N. 30 at Colorado State

UTAH (8-4)

Salt Lake City, UT
A. 31 at Utah State
S. 7 Indiana
S. 14 at Arizona
S. 21 at Michigan
S. 28 Air Force
O. 12 at San Diego State
O. 19 Colorado State
O. 26 at New Mexico
N. 9 UNLV
N. 16 at Wyoming
N. 30 BYU

WYOMING (2-9)

Laramie, WY
A. 31 Tennessee@
S. 7 at Central Michigan
S. 14 Boise State
S. 21 at Washington
O. 5 The Citadel
O. 12 at Colorado State
O. 19 San Diego State
O. 26 Air Force
N. 2 at UNLV
N. 9 at BYU
N. 16 Utah
N. 30 at New Mexico
@Nashville, TN

Pac-10**ARIZONA (5-6)**

Tucson, AZ
A. 29 Northern Arizona
S. 14 Utah
S. 21 at Wisconsin
S. 28 North Texas
O. 5 Oregon
O. 12 at Washington
O. 19 at Stanford
O. 26 Washington State
N. 2 at Oregon State
N. 9 UCLA
N. 16 at California
N. 29 Arizona State

ARIZONA STATE (4-7)

Tempe, AZ
A. 24 at Nebraska
A. 31 Eastern Washington
S. 7 UCF
S. 14 at San Diego State
S. 28 Stanford
O. 5 North Carolina
O. 12 Oregon State
O. 19 at Oregon
O. 26 Washington
N. 2 at Washington State
N. 9 California
N. 16 at USC
N. 29 at Arizona

CALIFORNIA (1-10)

Berkeley, CA
A. 31 Baylor
S. 7 New Mexico State
S. 14 at Michigan State
S. 21 Air Force
S. 28 Washington State
O. 5 at Washington
O. 12 at USC
O. 19 UCLA
O. 26 at Oregon State
N. 9 at Arizona State
N. 16 Arizona
N. 23 Stanford

OREGON (11-1)

Eugene, OR
A. 31 Mississippi State
S. 7 Fresno State
S. 14 Idaho
S. 21 Portland State
O. 5 at Arizona
O. 12 at UCLA
O. 19 Arizona State
O. 26 USC
N. 2 Stanford
N. 9 at Washington State
N. 16 Washington
N. 23 at Oregon State

OREGON STATE (5-6)

Corvallis, OR
A. 29 Eastern Kentucky
S. 5 at Temple
S. 14 UNLV
S. 21 Fresno State
S. 28 at USC
O. 5 UCLA
O. 12 at Arizona State
O. 26 California
N. 2 Arizona
N. 9 at Washington
N. 16 at Stanford
N. 23 Oregon

STANFORD (9-3)

Stanford, CA
S. 7 at Boston College
S. 14 San Jose State
S. 28 at Arizona State
O. 5 at Notre Dame
O. 12 Washington State
O. 19 Arizona
O. 26 at UCLA
N. 2 at Oregon
N. 9 USC
N. 16 Oregon State
N. 23 at California

UCLA (7-4)

Los Angeles, CA
S. 7 Colorado State
S. 14 at Oklahoma State
S. 21 Colorado
S. 28 at San Diego State
O. 5 at Oregon State
O. 12 Oregon
O. 19 at California
O. 26 Stanford
N. 2 at Washington
N. 9 at Arizona
N. 23 USC
D. 7 Washington State

USC (6-6)

Los Angeles, CA
S. 2 Auburn
S. 14 at Kansas
S. 21 at Colorado State
S. 28 Oregon State
O. 5 at Washington State
O. 12 California
O. 19 Washington
O. 26 at Oregon
N. 9 at Stanford
N. 16 Arizona State
N. 23 at UCLA
N. 30 Notre Dame

WASHINGTON (8-4)

Seattle, WA
A. 31 at Michigan
S. 7 San Jose State
S. 21 Wyoming
S. 28 Idaho
O. 5 California
O. 12 Arizona
O. 19 at USC
O. 26 at Arizona State
N. 2 UCLA
N. 9 Oregon State
N. 16 at Oregon
N. 23 at Washington State

WASHINGTON STATE (10-2)

Pullman, WA
A. 31 Nevada@
S. 7 Idaho
S. 14 at Ohio State
S. 21 Montana State
S. 28 at California
O. 5 USC
O. 12 at Stanford
O. 19 at Arizona
N. 2 Arizona State
N. 9 Oregon
N. 23 Washington
N. 30 at Hawaii
O. 7 at UCLA
@Seattle, WA

SEC**ALABAMA (7-5)**

Tuscaloosa, AL
A. 31 Middle Tennessee@
S. 7 at Oklahoma
S. 14 North Texas
S. 21 Southern Miss
S. 28 at Arkansas
O. 5 Georgia
O. 19 Ole Miss
O. 26 at Tennessee
N. 2 at Vanderbilt
N. 9 Mississippi State
N. 16 at LSU
N. 23 Auburn
@Birmingham, AL

ARKANSAS (7-5)

Fayetteville, AR
S. 7 Boise State
S. 14 South Florida@
S. 28 Alabama
O. 5 at Tennessee
O. 12 at Auburn
O. 19 Kentucky
O. 26 Ole Miss
N. 2 Troy State@
N. 9 at South Carolina
N. 16 Louisiana-Lafayette
N. 23 at Mississippi State
N. 29 LSU@
@Little Rock, AR

AUBURN (7-5)

Auburn, AL
S. 2 at USC
S. 7 Western Carolina
S. 14 Vanderbilt
S. 19 at Mississippi State
S. 28 Syracuse
O. 12 Arkansas
O. 19 at Florida
O. 26 LSU
N. 2 at Ole Miss
N. 9 Louisiana-Monroe
N. 16 Georgia
N. 23 at Alabama

FLORIDA (10-2)

Gainesville, FL
A. 31 UAB
S. 7 Miami
S. 14 Ohio
S. 21 at Tennessee
S. 28 Kentucky
O. 5 at Ole Miss
O. 12 LSU
O. 19 Auburn
N. 2 Georgia@
N. 9 at Vanderbilt
N. 16 South Carolina
N. 30 at Florida State
@Jacksonville, FL

GEORGIA (8-4)

Athens, GA
A. 31 Clemson
S. 14 at South Carolina
S. 21 Northwestern State
S. 28 New Mexico State
O. 5 at Alabama
O. 12 Tennessee
O. 19 Vanderbilt
O. 26 at Kentucky
N. 2 Florida@
N. 9 Ole Miss
N. 16 at Auburn
N. 30 Georgia Tech
@Jacksonville, FL

KENTUCKY (2-9)

Lexington, KY
S. 1 at Louisville
S. 7 UTEP
S. 14 Indiana
S. 21 Middle Tennessee
S. 28 at Florida
O. 12 South Carolina
O. 19 at Arkansas
O. 26 Georgia
N. 2 at Mississippi State
N. 9 LSU
N. 16 Vanderbilt
N. 30 at Tennessee

LSU (10-3)

Baton Rouge, LA
S. 1 at Virginia Tech
S. 7 The Citadel
S. 14 Miami (OH)
S. 28 Mississippi State
O. 5 Louisiana-Lafayette
O. 12 at Florida
O. 19 South Carolina
O. 26 at Auburn
N. 9 at Kentucky
N. 16 Alabama
N. 23 Ole Miss
N. 29 Arkansas@
@Little Rock, AR

MISSISSIPPI STATE (3-8)

Starkville, MS
A. 31 at Oregon
S. 14 Jacksonville State
S. 19 Auburn
S. 28 at LSU
O. 5 at Troy State
O. 12 Troy State
O. 19 at Memphis
N. 2 Kentucky
N. 9 at Alabama
N. 16 Tennessee
N. 23 Arkansas
N. 28 at Ole Miss

OLE MISS (7-4)

Oxford, MS
A. 31 Louisiana-Monroe
S. 7 Memphis
S. 14 at Texas Tech
S. 21 Vanderbilt
O. 5 Florida
O. 12 Arkansas State
O. 19 at Alabama
O. 26 at Arkansas
N. 2 Auburn
N. 9 at Georgia
N. 23 at LSU
N. 28 Mississippi State

SOUTH CAROLINA (9-3)

Columbia, SC
A. 31 New Mexico State
S. 7 at Virginia
S. 14 Georgia
S. 21 Temple
O. 5 at Vanderbilt
O. 12 Mississippi State
O. 19 at Kentucky
O. 26 at LSU
N. 2 Tennessee
N. 9 Arkansas
N. 16 at Florida
N. 23 at Clemson

TENNESSEE (11-2)

Knoxville, TN
A. 31 Wyoming@
S. 7 Middle Tennessee
S. 21 Florida
S. 28 Rutgers
O. 5 Arkansas
O. 12 at Georgia
O. 19 Louisiana-Monroe
O. 26 at South Carolina
N. 2 Miami
N. 16 at Mississippi State
N. 23 at Vanderbilt@
N. 30 Kentucky
@Adelphi Coliseum: Nashville

VANDERBILT (2-9)

Nashville, TN
A. 31 at Georgia Tech
S. 7 Furman
S. 14 at Auburn
S. 21 at Ole Miss
S. 28 South Carolina
O. 12 Middle Tennessee
O. 19 at Georgia
O. 26 Connecticut
N. 2 Alabama
N. 9 Florida
N. 16 at Kentucky
N. 23 Tennessee@
@Adelphi Coliseum: Nashville

Sunbelt**ARKANSAS STATE (2-9)**

Jonesboro, AR
A. 25 at Virginia Tech
A. 31 San Jose State@
S. 7 Tulsa
S. 14 at Illinois
S. 21 at Louisiana-Monroe
S. 28 Tennessee-Martin
O. 5 Middle Tennessee
O. 12 at Mississippi
O. 19 North Texas
O. 26 New Mexico State
N. 2 Southern Utah
N. 9 Louisiana-Lafayette
N. 16 at Idaho
@Little Rock, AR

IDAHO (1-10)

Moscow, ID
A. 31 at Boise State
S. 7 at Washington State
S. 14 at Oregon
S. 21 San Diego State
S. 28 at Washington
O. 5 Montana
O. 12 at Louisiana-Monroe
O. 26 Middle Tennessee
N. 2 at Louisiana-Lafayette
N. 9 at North Texas
N. 16 Arkansas State
N. 23 New Mexico State

LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE (3-8)

Lafayette, LA
A. 31 at Texas A&M
S. 7 Minnesota
S. 14 at Houston
S. 21 UAB
O. 5 at LSU
O. 12 at New Mexico State
O. 19 at Middle Tennessee
O. 26 North Texas
N. 2 Idaho
N. 9 Arkansas State
N. 16 at Arkansas
N. 23 at Louisiana-Monroe

LOUISIANA-MONROE (2-9)

Monroe, LA
A. 31 at Ole Miss
S. 7 at Kansas State
S. 14 McNeese State
S. 21 Arkansas State
O. 5 Tulane
O. 12 Idaho
O. 19 at New Mexico State
O. 26 Utah State
N. 2 at North Texas
N. 9 at Auburn
N. 16 at Middle Tennessee
N. 23 Louisiana-Lafayette

MIDDLE TENNESSEE (8-3)

Murfreesboro, TN
A. 31 Alabama@
S. 7 at Tennessee
S. 21 at Kentucky
S. 28 SE Missouri State
O. 5 at Arkansas State
O. 12 at Vanderbilt
O. 19 Louisiana-Lafayette
O. 26 at Idaho
O. 12 at New Mexico State
N. 16 Louisiana-Monroe
N. 23 North Texas
N. 30 Utah State
@Birmingham, AL

NEW MEXICO STATE (5-7)

Las Cruces, NM
A. 31 at South Carolina
S. 7 at California
S. 21 New Mexico
S. 28 at Georgia
O. 5 UTEP
O. 12 Louisiana-Lafayette
O. 19 Louisiana-Monroe
O. 26 at Arkansas State
N. 2 Middle Tennessee
N. 9 at Utah State
N. 16 at North Texas
N. 23 at Idaho

NORTH TEXAS (5-7)

Denton, TX
A. 31 at Texas
S. 7 Nicholls State
S. 14 at Alabama
S. 21 at TCU
S. 28 at Arizona
O. 5 South Florida
O. 19 at Arkansas State
O. 26 at Louisiana-Lafayette
N. 2 Louisiana-Monroe
N. 9 Idaho
N. 16 New Mexico State
N. 23 at Middle Tennessee

WAC**BOISE STATE (8-4)**

Boise, ID
A. 31 Idaho
S. 7 at Arkansas
S. 14 at Wyoming
S. 28 Utah State
O. 5 Hawaii
O. 12 at Tulsa
O. 19 Fresno State
O. 26 at San Jose State
N. 2 at UTEP
N. 9 Rice
N. 16 Louisiana Tech
N. 23 at Nevada

FRESNO STATE (11-3)

Fresno, CA
A. 23 at Wisconsin
A. 31 San Diego State
S. 7 at Oregon
S. 21 at Oregon State
S. 28 at Rice
O. 4 Colorado State
O. 12 SMU
O. 19 at Boise State
O. 26 Hawaii
N. 2 Louisiana Tech@
N. 9 Tulsa
N. 16 Nevada
N. 23 at San Jose State
@Shreveport, LA

HAWAII (9-3)

Honolulu, HI
 A. 31 Eastern Illinois
 S. 6 at BYU
 S. 21 at UTEP
 S. 28 SMU
 O. 5 at Boise State
 O. 12 Nevada
 O. 19 Tulsa
 O. 26 at Fresno State
 N. 2 San Jose State
 N. 16 at Rice
 N. 23 Cincinnati
 N. 30 Washington State
 D. 7 San Diego State

LOUISIANA TECH (7-5)

Ruston, LA
 A. 31 Oklahoma State@
 S. 7 at Clemson
 S. 14 Tulsa
 S. 21 at Penn State
 S. 28 at Texas A&M
 O. 5 at Rice
 O. 19 at SMU
 O. 26 Nevada
 N. 2 Fresno State@
 N. 9 at San Jose State
 N. 16 at Boise State
 N. 23 UTEP
 @Shreveport, LA

NEVADA (3-8)

Reno, NV
 A. 31 Washington State@
 S. 14 BYU
 S. 21 Rice
 S. 28 Colorado State
 O. 5 at UNLV
 O. 12 at Hawaii
 O. 19 San Jose State
 O. 26 at Louisiana Tech
 N. 2 at SMU
 N. 9 UTEP
 N. 16 at Fresno State
 N. 23 Boise State
 @Seattle, WA

RICE (8-4)

Houston, TX
 A. 31 Houston
 S. 7 at Michigan State
 S. 21 at Nevada
 S. 28 Fresno State
 O. 5 Louisiana Tech
 O. 12 at Navy
 O. 19 at UTEP
 O. 26 SMU
 N. 2 at Tulsa
 N. 9 at Boise State
 N. 16 Hawaii

SAN JOSE STATE (3-9)

San Jose, CA
 A. 31 Arkansas State@
 S. 7 at Washington
 S. 14 at Stanford
 S. 21 at Illinois
 S. 28 UTEP
 O. 5 at SMU
 O. 12 at Ohio State
 O. 19 at Nevada
 O. 26 Boise State
 N. 2 at Hawaii
 N. 9 Louisiana Tech
 N. 16 at Tulsa
 N. 23 Fresno State
 @Little Rock, AR

SMU (4-7)

Dallas, TX
 A. 31 Navy
 S. 7 Texas Tech
 S. 14 at TCU
 S. 21 at Oklahoma State
 S. 28 at Hawaii
 O. 5 San Jose State
 O. 12 at Fresno State
 O. 19 Louisiana Tech
 O. 26 at Rice
 N. 2 Nevada
 N. 16 at UTEP
 N. 23 Tulsa

TULSA (1-10)

Tulsa, OK
 A. 30 Oklahoma
 S. 7 at Arkansas State
 S. 14 at Louisiana Tech
 S. 21 at Baylor
 S. 28 Kansas
 O. 12 Boise State
 O. 19 at Hawaii
 O. 26 UTEP
 N. 2 Rice
 N. 9 at Fresno State
 N. 16 San Jose State
 N. 23 at SMU

UTEP (2-9)

El Paso, TX
 A. 31 Sacramento State
 S. 7 at Kentucky
 S. 14 at Oklahoma
 S. 21 Hawaii
 S. 28 at San Jose State
 O. 5 at New Mexico State
 O. 19 Rice
 O. 26 at Tulsa
 N. 2 Boise State
 N. 9 at Nevada
 N. 16 SMU
 N. 23 at Louisiana Tech

I-A Independents**CONNECTICUT (2-9)**

Storrs, CT
 A. 31 at Boston College
 S. 7 Georgia Tech
 S. 14 at Buffalo
 S. 21 Ohio
 S. 28 Ball State
 O. 5 at Miami
 O. 19 Temple
 O. 26 at Vanderbilt
 N. 2 Florida Atlantic
 N. 9 Kent State
 N. 16 at Navy
 N. 23 at Iowa State

NAVY (0-10)

Annapolis, MD
 A. 31 at SMU
 S. 7 NC State
 S. 21 Northwestern
 S. 28 Duke
 O. 5 at Air Force
 O. 12 Rice
 O. 19 at Boston College
 O. 26 at Tulane
 N. 9 Notre Dame@
 N. 16 Connecticut
 N. 23 at Wake Forest
 D. 7 Army@
 @Baltimore, MD

NOTRE DAME (5-6)

South Bend, IN
 A. 31 Maryland@
 S. 7 Purdue
 S. 14 Michigan
 S. 21 at Michigan State
 O. 5 Stanford
 O. 12 Pittsburgh
 O. 19 at Air Force
 O. 26 at Florida State
 N. 2 Boston College
 N. 9 Navy@
 N. 23 Rutgers
 N. 30 at USC
 @East Rutherford, NJ
 @Baltimore, MD

SOUTH FLORIDA (8-3)

Tampa, FL
 A. 29 Florida Atlantic
 S. 7 Northern Illinois
 S. 14 Arkansas@
 S. 28 at Oklahoma
 O. 5 at North Texas
 O. 12 Southern Miss
 O. 19 at East Carolina
 N. 2 Charleston Southern
 N. 9 Memphis
 N. 16 Bowling Green
 N. 23 at Houston
 @Little Rock, AR

TROY STATE (7-4)

Troy, AL
 A. 31 at Nebraska
 S. 7 at UAB
 S. 14 Southern Utah
 S. 21 at Iowa State
 S. 28 at Missouri
 O. 12 at Mississippi State
 O. 19 at Marshall
 O. 26 Florida Atlantic
 N. 2 Arkansas@
 N. 9 Florida A&M#
 N. 16 Utah State
 @Little Rock, AR
 @Mobile, AL

UTAH STATE (4-7)

Logan, UT
 A. 31 Utah
 S. 7 at Nebraska
 S. 14 Idaho State
 S. 21 at Iowa
 S. 28 at Boise State
 O. 4 BYU
 O. 19 New Mexico
 O. 26 at Louisiana-Monroe
 N. 9 New Mexico State
 N. 16 at Troy State
 N. 30 at Middle Tennessee

ATLANTIC 10**DELAWARE (4-6)**

Newark, DE
 A. 29 Georgia Southern
 S. 7 at Richmond
 S. 14 The Citadel
 S. 21 West Chester
 S. 28 at William & Mary
 O. 5 Northeastern
 O. 12 James Madison
 O. 19 at Rhode Island
 O. 26 New Hampshire
 N. 2 at Massachusetts
 N. 9 at Maine
 N. 23 Villanova

HOFSTRA (9-3)

Hempstead, NY
 A. 29 Montana
 S. 7 Rhode Island
 S. 14 at New Hampshire
 S. 21 James Madison
 S. 28 at Northeastern
 O. 5 at Villanova
 O. 12 William & Mary
 O. 26 at Maine
 N. 2 at Elon
 N. 9 Richmond
 N. 16 at Massachusetts
 N. 23 Liberty

JAMES MADISON (2-9)

Harrisonburg, VA
 A. 31 Hampton
 S. 7 New Hampshire
 S. 14 Florida Atlantic
 S. 21 at Hofstra
 S. 28 Villanova
 O. 5 Maine
 O. 12 at Delaware
 O. 19 at Richmond
 O. 26 Massachusetts
 N. 2 at Rhode Island
 N. 16 William & Mary
 N. 23 at Northeastern

MAINE (9-3)

Orono, ME
 A. 31 Central Conn. State
 S. 7 William & Mary
 S. 14 at Villanova
 S. 21 at Howard
 S. 28 Rhode Island
 O. 5 at James Madison
 O. 12 at Massachusetts
 O. 19 at Florida International
 O. 26 Hofstra
 N. 9 Delaware
 N. 16 at Richmond
 N. 23 New Hampshire

MASSACHUSETTS (3-8)

Amherst, MA
 S. 7 Central Conn. State
 S. 14 American International
 S. 21 at Northeastern
 S. 28 at NC State
 O. 5 at Richmond
 O. 12 Maine
 O. 19 Villanova
 O. 26 at James Madison
 N. 2 Delaware
 N. 9 at New Hampshire
 N. 16 Hofstra
 N. 23 at Rhode Island

NEW HAMPSHIRE (4-7)

Durham, NH
 A. 29 at Kent State
 S. 7 at James Madison
 S. 14 Hofstra
 S. 21 at Villanova
 S. 28 at Dartmouth
 O. 12 Richmond
 O. 19 William & Mary
 O. 26 at Delaware
 N. 9 Massachusetts
 N. 16 Northeastern
 N. 23 at Maine

NORTHEASTERN (5-6)

Boston, MA
 A. 31 Lockhaven
 S. 7 at Ohio
 S. 21 Massachusetts
 S. 28 Hofstra
 O. 5 at Delaware
 O. 12 Rhode Island
 O. 19 at Harvard
 O. 26 at William & Mary
 N. 2 at Richmond
 N. 9 Villanova
 N. 16 at New Hampshire
 N. 23 James Madison

RHODE ISLAND (8-3)

Kingston, RI
 A. 31 Bryant
 S. 7 at Hofstra
 S. 14 Syracuse
 S. 28 at Maine
 O. 5 Brown
 O. 12 at Northeastern
 O. 19 Delaware
 O. 26 Richmond
 N. 2 James Madison
 N. 9 at William & Mary
 N. 16 at Villanova
 N. 23 Massachusetts

RICHMOND (3-8)

Richmond, VA
 A. 31 at Temple
 S. 7 Delaware
 S. 21 Furman
 O. 5 Massachusetts
 O. 12 at New Hampshire
 N. 9 James Madison
 O. 26 at Rhode Island
 N. 2 Northeastern
 N. 9 at Hofstra
 N. 16 Maine
 N. 23 at William & Mary

VILLANOVA (8-3)

Philadelphia, PA
 A. 31 at Rutgers
 S. 7 at Colgate
 S. 14 Maine
 S. 21 New Hampshire
 S. 28 at James Madison
 O. 5 Hofstra
 O. 10 Penn
 O. 19 at Massachusetts
 N. 2 William & Mary
 N. 9 at Northeastern
 N. 16 Rhode Island
 N. 23 at Delaware

WILLIAM & MARY (8-4)

Williamsburg, VA
 A. 31 at Indiana
 S. 7 at Maine
 S. 14 VMI
 S. 28 Delaware
 O. 12 at Hofstra
 O. 19 at New Hampshire
 O. 26 Northeastern
 N. 2 at Villanova
 N. 9 Rhode Island
 N. 16 at James Madison
 N. 23 Richmond

BIG SKY**EASTERN WASHINGTON (7-4)**

Cheney, WA
 A. 31 at Arizona State
 S. 7 Montana Tech
 S. 14 Western Oregon
 S. 21 at Southern Utah
 O. 5 Idaho State
 O. 12 at Portland State
 O. 19 Northern Arizona
 O. 26 Sacramento State
 N. 2 at Weber State
 N. 9 at Montana State
 N. 16 Montana

IDAHO STATE (3-7)

Pocatello, ID
 A. 29 Montana-Western
 S. 14 at Utah State
 S. 21 at Montana
 S. 28 Sacramento State
 O. 5 at Eastern Washington
 O. 12 Montana State
 O. 26 Weber State
 N. 2 at Portland State
 N. 9 Northern Arizona
 N. 16 Cal Poly
 N. 23 at Southern Utah

MONTANA (15-1)

Missoula, MT
 A. 29 at Hofstra
 S. 7 Albany
 S. 14 Northern Colorado
 S. 21 Idaho State
 O. 5 at Idaho
 O. 12 at Weber State
 O. 19 Southern Utah
 O. 26 at Portland State
 N. 2 Northern Arizona
 N. 9 Sacramento State
 N. 16 at Eastern Washington
 N. 23 Montana State

MONTANA STATE (5-6)

Bozeman, MT
 A. 31 St. Mary's
 S. 7 at Stephen F. Austin
 S. 21 at Washington State
 S. 28 Rocky Mountain Coll.
 O. 5 Central Washington
 O. 12 at Idaho State
 O. 19 Weber State
 O. 26 at Northern Arizona
 N. 2 at Sacramento State
 N. 9 Eastern Washington
 N. 16 Portland State
 N. 23 Montana

NORTHERN ARIZONA (8-4)

Flagstaff, AZ
 A. 29 at Arizona
 S. 7 at Cal Poly
 S. 14 Sam Houston
 S. 28 Portland State
 O. 5 Weber State
 O. 12 Sacramento State
 O. 19 at Eastern Washington
 O. 26 Montana State
 N. 2 at Montana
 N. 9 at Idaho State
 N. 16 at St. Mary's

PORTLAND STATE (7-4)

Portland, OR
 A. 31 Stephen F. Austin
 S. 14 NC A&T
 S. 21 at Oregon
 S. 28 at Northern Arizona
 O. 5 SW Texas State
 O. 12 Eastern Washington
 O. 19 at Sacramento State
 O. 26 Montana
 N. 2 Idaho State
 N. 9 at Weber State
 N. 16 at Montana State

SACRAMENTO ST. (2-9)

Sacramento, CA
 A. 31 at UTEP
 S. 7 at Saint Mary's
 S. 21 Cal Poly
 S. 28 at Idaho State
 O. 5 UC Davis
 O. 12 at Northern Arizona
 O. 19 Portland State
 O. 26 at Eastern Washington
 N. 2 Montana State
 N. 9 at Montana
 N. 16 Weber State
 N. 23 Humboldt State

WEBER STATE (3-8)

Ogden, UT
 A. 31 at New Mexico
 S. 14 Western State
 S. 21 Eastern Oregon
 O. 5 at Northern Arizona
 O. 12 Montana
 O. 19 at Montana State
 O. 26 at Idaho State
 N. 2 Eastern Washington
 N. 9 Portland State
 N. 16 at Sacramento State
 N. 23 at Cal Poly

BIG SOUTH**CHARLESTON SOUTHERN (5-6)**

Charleston, SC
 A. 31 VMI
 S. 7 North Greenville
 S. 14 at Presbyterian
 S. 21 West Virginia State
 O. 12 at West Liberty
 O. 19 at Savannah State
 O. 26 at Liberty
 N. 2 at South Florida
 N. 9 Gardner-Webb
 N. 16 Elon
 N. 21 at The Citadel

ELON (2-9)

Elon, NC
 S. 7 Florida International
 S. 14 at Furman
 S. 21 Johnson C. Smith
 S. 28 at NC A&T
 O. 5 at Northwestern State
 O. 12 at Gardner-Webb
 O. 19 at East Tenn. State
 N. 2 Hofstra
 N. 9 Liberty
 N. 16 at Charleston Southern
 N. 23 Wofford

GARDNER-WEBB (5-4)

Boiling Springs, NC
 A. 31 Morgan State
 S. 7 at Georgia Southern
 S. 14 East Tenn. State
 S. 21 at Chattanooga
 O. 5 at Liberty
 O. 12 Elon
 O. 26 at Florida International
 N. 2 Tennessee-Martin
 N. 9 at Charleston Southern
 N. 16 Savannah State

LIBERTY (3-8)

Lynchburg, VA
 A. 31 Western Carolina
 S. 7 West Liberty
 S. 21 Appalachian State
 S. 28 at UCF
 O. 5 Gardner-Webb
 O. 12 at Akron
 N. 19 Charleston Southern
 O. 26 at VMI
 N. 2 Eastern Kentucky
 N. 9 at Elon
 N. 23 at Hofstra

GATEWAY**ILLINOIS STATE (2-9)**

Normal, IL
 A. 31 at Purdue
 S. 7 Quincy
 S. 21 Murray State
 S. 28 at Eastern Illinois
 O. 5 SW Missouri State
 O. 12 at Western Illinois
 O. 19 Southern Illinois
 O. 26 at Northern Iowa
 N. 2 at Western Kentucky
 N. 9 Youngstown State
 N. 16 at Indiana State

INDIANA STATE (3-7)

Terre Haute, IN
 A. 29 at Western Michigan
 S. 7 Cumberland
 S. 14 at Ball State
 S. 21 at Eastern Illinois
 S. 28 Murray State
 O. 5 at Youngstown State
 O. 12 SW Missouri State
 O. 19 at Western Illinois
 O. 26 at Western Kentucky
 N. 2 Northern Iowa
 N. 9 at Southern Illinois
 N. 16 Illinois State

NORTHERN IOWA (11-3)

Cedar Falls, IA
 A. 29 Wayne State (MI)
 S. 7 at Oklahoma State
 S. 21 Stephen F. Austin
 S. 28 at Cal Poly
 O. 5 Western Kentucky
 O. 12 at Southern Illinois
 O. 19 at Youngstown State
 O. 26 Illinois State
 N. 2 at Indiana State
 N. 9 Western Illinois
 N. 16 SW Missouri State

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (1-9)

Carbondale, IL
 A. 31 Kentucky Wesleyan
 S. 7 SE Missouri State
 S. 14 at Murray State
 S. 21 West Virginia Tech
 S. 28 at Eastern Michigan
 O. 5 Western Illinois
 O. 12 Northern Iowa
 O. 19 at Illinois State
 O. 26 at SW Missouri State
 N. 2 at Youngstown State
 N. 9 Indiana State
 N. 16 Western Kentucky

SW MISSOURI STATE (5-5)

Springfield, MO
 A. 29 East Central
 S. 7 at Hampton
 S. 14 at Kansas
 S. 21 SE Missouri State
 S. 28 Youngstown State
 O. 5 at Illinois State
 O. 12 at Indiana State
 O. 19 Western Kentucky
 O. 26 Southern Illinois
 N. 2 Western Illinois
 N. 16 at Northern Iowa

WESTERN ILLINOIS (5-5)

Macomb, IL
 A. 29 Drake
 S. 14 at Western Kentucky
 S. 21 at Northern Illinois
 S. 28 Sam Houston
 O. 5 at Southern Illinois
 O. 12 Illinois State
 O. 19 Indiana State
 O. 26 Youngstown State
 N. 2 at SW Missouri State
 N. 9 at Northern Iowa
 N. 16 at Southern Utah

WESTERN KENTUCKY (8-4)

Bowling Green, KY
 A. 31 at Kansas State
 S. 7 Kentucky State
 S. 14 Western Illinois
 S. 21 Youngstown State
 S. 28 at McNeese State
 O. 5 at Northern Iowa
 O. 12 Florida International
 O. 19 at SW Missouri State
 O. 26 Indiana State
 N. 2 Illinois State
 N. 16 at Southern Illinois

YOUNGSTOWN ST. (8-3)

Youngstown, OH
 A. 29 Clarion
 S. 7 McNeese State
 S. 21 at Western Kentucky
 S. 28 at SW Missouri State
 O. 5 Indiana State
 O. 12 at Florida Atlantic
 O. 19 Northern Iowa
 O. 26 at Western Illinois
 N. 2 Southern Illinois
 N. 9 at Illinois State
 N. 23 Samford

IVY**BROWN (6-3)**

Providence, RI
 S. 21 at Towson
 S. 28 Harvard
 O. 5 at Rhode Island
 O. 12 at Fordham
 O. 19 at Princeton
 O. 26 Cornell
 N. 2 at Penn
 N. 9 Yale
 N. 16 at Dartmouth
 N. 23 Columbia
 O. 26 at Northern Iowa
 N. 2 at Western Kentucky
 N. 9 Youngstown State
 N. 16 at Indiana State

COLUMBIA (3-7)

New York, NY
 S. 21 Fordham
 S. 28 at Colgate
 O. 5 Princeton
 O. 12 Lafayette
 O. 19 at Penn
 O. 26 Dartmouth
 N. 2 at Yale
 N. 9 at Harvard
 N. 16 Cornell
 N. 23 at Brown

CORNELL (2-7)

Ithaca, NY
 S. 21 at Bucknell
 S. 28 Yale
 O. 5 Towson
 O. 12 at Harvard
 O. 19 Colgate
 O. 26 at Brown
 N. 2 Princeton
 N. 9 Dartmouth
 N. 16 at Columbia
 N. 23 Penn

DARTMOUTH (1-8)

Hanover, NH
 S. 21 at Colgate
 S. 28 New Hampshire
 O. 5 at Penn
 O. 12 Yale
 O. 19 Holy Cross
 O. 26 at Columbia
 N. 2 Harvard
 N. 9 at Cornell
 N. 16 Brown
 N. 23 at Princeton

HARVARD (9-0)

Cambridge, MA
 S. 21 Holy Cross
 S. 28 at Brown
 O. 5 at Lehigh
 O. 12 Cornell
 O. 19 Northeastern
 O. 26 at Princeton
 N. 2 at Dartmouth
 N. 9 Columbia
 N. 16 at Penn
 N. 23 Yale

PENN (8-1)

Philadelphia, PA
 S. 21 at Lafayette
 S. 28 Lehigh
 O. 5 Dartmouth
 O. 10 at Villanova
 O. 19 Columbia
 O. 26 at Yale
 N. 2 Brown
 N. 9 at Princeton
 N. 16 Harvard
 N. 23 at Cornell

PRINCETON (3-6)

Princeton, NJ
 S. 21 at Lehigh
 S. 28 Lafayette
 O. 5 at Columbia
 O. 12 Colgate
 O. 19 Brown
 O. 26 Harvard
 N. 2 at Cornell
 N. 9 Penn
 N. 16 at Yale
 N. 23 Dartmouth

YALE (3-6)

New Haven, CT
 S. 21 San Diego
 S. 28 at Cornell
 O. 5 Holy Cross
 O. 12 at Dartmouth
 O. 19 at Lehigh
 O. 26 Penn
 N. 2 Columbia
 N. 9 at Brown
 N. 16 Princeton
 N. 23 at Harvard

MAAC**CANISUS (1-8)**

Buffalo, NY
 S. 7 at St. John's
 S. 14 at Marist
 S. 21 Siena
 S. 28 St. Peter's
 O. 5 at Iona
 O. 12 La Salle
 O. 19 at Albany
 O. 26 at Fairfield
 N. 2 at Dayton
 N. 9 Duquesne
 N. 16 at Stony Brook

DUQUESNE (8-3)

Pittsburgh, PA
 S. 7 Bucknell
 S. 14 at Siena
 S. 21 Marist
 S. 28 at Dayton
 O. 5 Lafayette
 O. 12 at St. Peter's
 O. 19 St. John's
 O. 26 at La Salle
 N. 2 Iona
 N. 9 at Canisius
 N. 16 Fairfield

FAIRFIELD (5-5)

Fairfield, CT
 A. 31 Fairmont State
 S. 14 at La Salle
 S. 21 at Georgetown
 S. 28 Fordham
 O. 5 at Marist
 O. 12 Iona
 O. 19 at Siena
 O. 26 Canisius
 N. 2 St. Peter's
 N. 9 St. John's
 N. 16 at Duquesne

IONA (3-5)

New Rochelle, NY
 S. 14 at Wagner
 S. 20 at St. John's
 S. 28 Montclair State
 O. 5 Canisius
 O. 12 at Fairfield
 O. 19 La Salle
 O. 26 at Marist
 N. 2 at Duquesne
 N. 9 St. Peter's
 N. 16 at Sacred Heart

PATRIOT

BUCKNELL (6-4)

Lewisburg, PA
S. 7 at Duquesne
S. 14 at St. Mary's
S. 21 Cornell
O. 5 Colgate
O. 19 at Towson
O. 26 at Georgetown
N. 2 at Holy Cross
N. 9 Lafayette
N. 16 at Lehigh
N. 23 Fordham

COLGATE (7-3)

Hamilton, NY
S. 7 Villanova
S. 14 at Fordham
S. 21 Dartmouth
S. 28 Columbia
O. 5 at Bucknell
O. 12 at Princeton
O. 19 at Cornell
O. 26 at Towson
N. 2 Lafayette
N. 9 at Lehigh
N. 16 Georgetown
N. 23 Holy Cross

FORDHAM (7-4)

Bronx, NY
S. 7 St. Peter's
S. 14 Colgate
S. 21 at Columbia
S. 28 at Fairfield
O. 5 at Georgetown
O. 12 Brown
O. 26 Lafayette
N. 2 Lehigh
N. 9 at Holy Cross
N. 16 Towson
N. 23 at Bucknell

GEORGETOWN (3-7)

Washington, DC
S. 7 at Lehigh
S. 14 Holy Cross
S. 21 Fairfield
S. 28 at Florida International
O. 5 Fordham
O. 12 at Davidson
O. 19 at Lafayette
O. 26 Bucknell
N. 2 Marist
N. 16 at Colgate
N. 23 at Towson

HOLY CROSS (4-6)

Worcester, MA
S. 7 at Army
S. 14 at Georgetown
S. 21 at Harvard
S. 28 Towson
O. 5 at Yale
O. 12 St. Mary's
O. 19 at Dartmouth
O. 26 Lehigh
N. 2 Bucknell
N. 9 Fordham
N. 16 at Lafayette
N. 23 at Colgate

LAFAYETTE (2-8)

Easton, PA
S. 7 Monmouth
S. 14 Towson
S. 21 Penn
S. 28 at Princeton
O. 5 at Duquesne
O. 12 at Columbia
O. 19 Georgetown
O. 26 at Fordham
N. 2 at Colgate
N. 9 at Bucknell
N. 16 Holy Cross
N. 23 Lehigh

LEHIGH (11-1)

Bethlehem, PA
A. 29 at Buffalo
S. 7 Georgetown
S. 21 Princeton
S. 28 at Penn
O. 5 Harvard
O. 12 at Towson
O. 19 Yale
O. 26 at Holy Cross
N. 2 at Fordham
N. 9 Colgate
N. 16 Bucknell
N. 23 at Lafayette

TOWSON (3-7)

Towson, MD
S. 7 Morgan State
S. 14 Lafayette
S. 21 Brown
S. 28 at Holy Cross
O. 5 at Cornell
O. 12 Lehigh
O. 19 Bucknell
O. 26 Colgate
N. 2 at Monmouth
N. 16 at Fordham
N. 23 Georgetown

PIONEER

AUSTIN PEAY (3-7)

Clarksville, TN
A. 29 Cumberland
S. 7 at Campbellsville
S. 14 Centre (KY)
S. 21 Dayton
S. 28 at Jacksonville
O. 12 at Butler
O. 19 at Kentucky Wesleyan
O. 26 Morehead State
N. 2 at Joseph's (IN)
N. 9 Davidson
N. 16 at Valparaiso

BUTLER (5-5)

Indianapolis, IN
S. 7 Tiffin
S. 14 at Florida International
S. 21 Wis.-Stevens Point
S. 28 at Morehead State
O. 5 at Dayton
O. 12 Austin Peay
O. 19 San Diego
O. 26 Drake
N. 2 at Valparaiso
N. 9 Quincy

DAVIDSON (5-4)

Davidson, NC
S. 7 at VMI
S. 14 Jacksonville
S. 21 at Newberry
S. 28 Emory & Henry
O. 5 Morehead State
O. 12 Georgetown
O. 19 at Valparaiso
N. 2 at Hampden-Sydney
N. 9 at Austin Peay

DAYTON (9-1)

Dayton, OH
S. 7 at St. Francis
S. 14 Robert Morris
S. 21 at Austin Peay
S. 28 Duquesne
O. 5 Butler
O. 12 at Valparaiso
O. 19 Drake
O. 26 at Tiffin
N. 2 Canisius
N. 9 Morehead State
N. 16 at San Diego

DRAKE (5-5)

Des Moines, IA
A. 29 at Western Illinois
S. 7 Truman State
S. 14 at Missouri-Rolla
S. 21 Wis.-La Crosse
S. 28 at Quincy
O. 5 Valparaiso
O. 12 Albany
O. 19 at Dayton
O. 26 at Butler
N. 2 San Diego
N. 9 St. Mary's

JACKSONVILLE (6-4)

Jacksonville, FL
S. 7 Lenoir-Rhyne
S. 14 at Davidson
S. 28 Austin Peay
O. 5 at San Diego
O. 19 at Morehead State
O. 26 at Charleston Southern
N. 2 at Florida International
N. 9 Edward Waters
N. 16 Wagner

MOREHEAD STATE (6-5)

Morehead, KY
S. 7 at Valparaiso
S. 14 Kentucky State
S. 21 at Tusculum
S. 28 Butler
O. 5 at Davidson
O. 12 St. Joseph's (IN)
O. 19 Jacksonville
O. 26 at Austin Peay
N. 2 Tiffin
N. 9 at Dayton

SAN DIEGO (6-3)

San Diego, CA
S. 7 at Azusa Pacific
S. 14 Laverne
S. 21 at Yale
O. 5 Jacksonville
O. 12 Western Oregon
O. 19 at Butler
O. 26 Valparaiso
N. 2 at Drake
N. 9 Southern Oregon
N. 16 Dayton

VALPARAISO (3-8)

Valparaiso, IN
S. 7 Morehead State
S. 14 Campbellsville
S. 21 at Tennessee Tech
S. 28 at St. Joseph's (IN)
O. 5 at Drake
O. 12 Dayton
O. 19 Davidson
O. 26 at San Diego
N. 2 Butler
N. 9 Lindenwood
N. 16 Austin Peay

SOUTHERN

APPALACHIAN ST. (9-4)

Boone, NC
A. 31 at Marshall
S. 14 Eastern Kentucky
S. 21 at Liberty
S. 28 Citadel
O. 5 at East Tenn. State
O. 12 Furman
O. 19 at Georgia Southern
O. 26 Wofford
N. 2 at Chattanooga
N. 9 VMI
N. 16 at Western Carolina

CHATTANOOGA (3-8)

Chattanooga, TN
A. 31 at West Virginia
S. 7 Alabama State
S. 14 at Tennessee Tech
S. 21 Gardner-Webb
S. 28 Georgia Southern
O. 5 at Wofford
O. 19 VMI
O. 26 at Western Carolina
N. 2 Appalachian State
N. 9 at The Citadel
N. 16 East Tenn. State
N. 23 at Furman

THE CITADEL (3-7)

Charleston, SC
S. 7 at LSU
S. 14 Delaware
S. 21 Western Carolina
S. 28 at Appalachian State
O. 5 at Wyoming
O. 12 East Tenn. State
O. 19 at Furman
O. 26 Georgia Southern
N. 2 at Wofford
N. 9 Chattanooga
N. 16 VMI
N. 21 Charleston Southern
@Charlotte, NC

EAST TENN. STATE (6-5)

Johnson City, TN
A. 31 at NC State
S. 7 Mars Hill
S. 14 at Gardner-Webb
S. 21 VMI
S. 28 at Western Carolina
O. 5 Appalachian State
O. 12 at The Citadel
O. 19 Elon
O. 26 Furman
N. 2 at Georgia Southern
N. 9 Wofford
N. 16 at Chattanooga

FURMAN (12-3)

Greenville, SC
S. 7 at Vanderbilt
S. 14 at Elon
S. 21 at Richmond
S. 28 at VMI
O. 5 Western Carolina
O. 12 at Appalachian State
O. 19 The Citadel
O. 26 at East Tenn. State
N. 9 Georgia Southern
N. 16 at Wofford
N. 23 Chattanooga

GEORGIA SOUTHERN (12-2)

Statesboro, GA
A. 29 at Delaware
S. 7 Gardner-Webb
S. 21 Wofford
S. 28 at Chattanooga
O. 5 VMI
O. 12 at Western Carolina
O. 19 Appalachian State
O. 26 at The Citadel
N. 2 East Tenn. State
N. 9 at Furman
N. 16 Jacksonville State

VMI (1-10)

Lexington, VA
A. 31 at Charleston Southern
S. 7 Davidson
S. 14 at William & Mary
S. 21 at East Tenn. State
S. 28 Furman
O. 5 at Georgia Southern
O. 12 Wofford
O. 19 at Chattanooga
O. 26 Liberty
N. 2 Western Carolina
N. 9 Appalachian State
N. 16 The Citadel
@Charlotte, NC

WESTERN CAROLINA (7-4)

Cullowhee, NC
A. 31 at Liberty
S. 7 at Auburn
S. 14 West Virginia Tech
S. 21 at The Citadel
S. 28 East Tenn. State
O. 5 at Furman
O. 12 Georgia Southern
O. 19 at Wofford
O. 26 Chattanooga
N. 2 at VMI
N. 16 Appalachian State

WOFFORD (4-7)

Spartanburg, SC
A. 31 Newberry
S. 14 at SC State
S. 21 at Georgia Southern
S. 28 at Maryland
O. 5 Chattanooga
O. 12 at VMI
O. 19 Western Carolina
O. 26 at Appalachian State
N. 2 The Citadel
N. 9 at East Tenn. State
N. 16 Furman
N. 23 at Elon

SOUTHLAND

JACKSONVILLE ST. (5-6)

Jacksonville, AL
A. 31 Alabama A&M
S. 14 at Mississippi State
S. 21 at Nicholls State
S. 28 at Tennessee Tech
O. 5 Samford
O. 12 Sam Houston
O. 19 at McNeese State
O. 26 Stephen F. Austin
N. 2 at SW Texas State
N. 9 Northwestern State
N. 16 at Georgia Southern

MCNEESE STATE (8-4)

Lake Charles, LA
A. 31 Grambling
S. 7 at Youngstown State
S. 14 at Louisiana-Monroe
S. 28 Western Kentucky
O. 5 at Nebraska
O. 19 Jacksonville State
O. 26 at Sam Houston
N. 2 at Stephen F. Austin
N. 9 SW Texas State
N. 16 at Northwestern State
N. 23 Nicholls State

NICHOLLS STATE (3-8)

Thibodaux, LA
A. 29 West Virginia Tech
S. 7 at North Texas
S. 14 at Samford
S. 21 Jacksonville State
S. 28 at Southern
O. 5 Florida Atlantic
O. 12 Stephen F. Austin
O. 19 at SW Texas State
O. 26 Northwestern State
N. 9 at Sam Houston
N. 23 at McNeese State

NORTHWESTERN ST. (8-4)

Natchitoches, LA
S. 7 Southern
S. 14 Henderson State
S. 21 at Georgia
O. 5 Elon
O. 12 SW Texas State
O. 26 at Nicholls State
N. 2 Sam Houston
N. 9 at Jacksonville State
N. 16 McNeese
N. 23 at Stephen F. Austin
@Shreveport, LA

SAM HOUSTON (10-3)

Huntsville, TX
A. 29 at Central Michigan
S. 7 Midwestern State
S. 14 at Northern Arizona
S. 21 Mississippi Valley St.
S. 28 at Western Illinois
O. 12 at Jacksonville State
O. 19 at Stephen F. Austin
O. 26 McNeese State
N. 2 at Northwestern State
N. 9 Nicholls State
N. 23 SW Texas State

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN (5-5)

Nacogdoches, TX
A. 31 at Portland State
S. 7 Montana State
S. 21 at Northern Iowa
S. 28 Indiana State
O. 5 Southern Utah
O. 12 at Nicholls State
O. 19 Sam Houston
O. 26 at Jacksonville State
N. 2 McNeese State
N. 16 at SW Texas State
N. 23 Northwestern State

SW TEXAS STATE (4-7)

San Marcos, TX
A. 31 at Minnesota
S. 7 Texas A&M-Kingsville
S. 21 Texas Southern
S. 28 Southern Utah
O. 5 at Portland State
O. 12 at Northwestern State
O. 19 Nicholls State
N. 2 Jacksonville State
N. 9 at McNeese State
N. 16 Stephen F. Austin
N. 23 at Sam Houston

SWAC

ALABAMA A&M (4-7)

Huntsville, AL
A. 31 at Jacksonville State
S. 14 Grambling
S. 21 Prairie View A&M
S. 28 at Texas Southern
O. 6 Southern
O. 12 Tennessee State
O. 19 Miss. Valley State
O. 26 Alabama State
N. 9 at Jackson State
N. 16 Alcorn State
N. 23 at Arkansas-Pine Bluff
@Indianapolis, IN
#Birmingham, AL

ALABAMA STATE (8-4)

Montgomery, AL
S. 7 at Chattanooga
S. 14 Texas Southern
S. 28 at Alcorn State
O. 5 Morris Brown
O. 12 Jackson State
O. 26 Alabama A&M
N. 9 at Grambling
N. 16 Miss. Valley State
@Mobile, AL
#Birmingham, AL

ALCORN STATE (6-5)

Lorman, MS
A. 31 Arkansas-Pine Bluff
S. 7 at Grambling
S. 21 Hampton
S. 28 Alabama State
O. 5 Fort Valley State
O. 12 at Prairie View A&M
O. 19 at Samford
N. 2 at Cal Poly
N. 9 at Miss. Valley State
N. 16 at Alabama A&M
N. 23 at Jackson State
@East Rutherford, NJ

ARK-PINE BLUFF (4-7)

Pine Bluff, AR
A. 31 at Alcorn State
S. 7 at Miss. Valley State
S. 14 Southern
S. 28 Kentucky State
O. 12 at Texas Southern
O. 19 Grambling
N. 2 Jackson State
N. 9 Prairie View A&M
N. 16 Lane College
N. 23 Alabama A&M
@St. Louis, MO
#Shreveport, LA

GRAMBLING (10-1)

Grambling, LA
A. 31 at McNeese State
S. 7 Alcorn State
S. 14 at Alabama A&M
S. 21 Tennessee State
S. 28 Langston
O. 5 Prairie View A&M
O. 19 Arkansas-Pine Bluff
O. 26 Jackson State
N. 2 at Texas Southern
N. 9 Alabama State
N. 16 at Morris Brown
N. 30 Southern
@Las Vegas, NV, #Dallas, TX
#Shreveport, LA, #New Orleans, LA

JACKSON STATE (7-4)

Jackson, MS
A. 31 at Southern Miss
S. 7 at NC A&T
S. 14 Tennessee State
S. 21 Southern
S. 28 Miss. Valley State
O. 12 Alabama State
N. 2 at Arkansas-Pine Bluff
N. 9 Alabama A&M
N. 16 Prairie View A&M
N. 23 Alcorn State
@Memphis, TN
#New Orleans, LA
#Mobile, AL

MISS. VALLEY STATE (0-11)

Itta Bena, MS
S. 7 Arkansas-Pine Bluff
S. 14 Delta State
S. 21 at Sam Houston
S. 28 at Jackson State
O. 5 Paul Quinn
O. 12 at Southern
O. 19 at Alabama A&M
O. 26 at Texas Southern
N. 2 Prairie View A&M
N. 9 Alcorn State
N. 16 at Alabama State
@Dallas, TX, #Houston, TX

PRAIRIE VIEW A&M (3-7)

Prairie View, TX
A. 31 at Texas Southern
S. 7 at Tennessee State
S. 14 at Texas A&M-Kingsville
S. 21 at Alabama A&M
O. 5 Grambling
O. 12 Alcorn State
O. 19 at Paul Quinn
O. 26 Southern
N. 2 at Miss. Valley State
N. 9 at Arkansas-Pine Bluff
N. 16 at Jackson State
@Dallas, TX, #Houston, TX

SOUTHERN (7-4)

Baton Rouge, LA

A. 31 Tulane
S. 7 Northwestern State
S. 14 at Arkansas-Pine Bluff
S. 21 Jackson State
S. 28 Nicholls State
O. 6 Alabama A&M
O. 12 Miss. Valley State
O. 26 Prairie View A&M
N. 9 Miles College
N. 16 Texas Southern
N. 30 Grambling
@New Orleans, LA
#Shreveport, LA
#Indianapolis, IN
@Houston, TX

TEXAS SOUTHERN (3-7)

Houston, TX
A. 31 Prairie View A&M
S. 7 at Howard
S. 14 at Alabama State
S. 21 at SW Texas State
S. 28 Alabama A&M
O. 12 Arkansas-Pine Bluff
O. 19 at Stillman
O. 26 Miss. Valley State
N. 2 Grambling
N. 9 Clark Atlanta
N. 16 at Southern

IAA INDEPENDENTS

CAL POLY (6-5)

San Luis Obispo, CA
A. 29 at Toledo
S. 7 Northern Arizona
S. 14 at Kent State
S. 21 at Sacramento State
S. 28 Northern Iowa
O. 12 at Southern Utah
O. 19 at St. Mary's
O. 26 UC Davis
N. 2 Alcorn State
N. 9 Humboldt State
N. 16 at Idaho State
N. 23 Weber State

FLORIDA ATLANTIC (4-6)

Boca Raton, FL
A. 29 at South Florida
S. 7 Bethune-Cookman
S. 14 at James Madison
S. 21 at Eastern Kentucky
O. 5 at Nicholls State
O. 12 Youngstown State
O. 26 at Troy State
N. 2 at Connecticut
N. 9 Morris Brown
N. 16 at Eastern Illinois
N. 23 Florida International
@Pro Player Stadium

FLORIDA INTN'L (0-0)

Miami, FL
A. 29 St. Peter's
S. 7 at Elon
S. 14 Butler
S. 21 Bethune-Cookman
S. 28 Georgetown
O. 12 at Western Kentucky
O. 19 Maine
O. 26 Gardner-Webb
N. 9 Jacksonville
N. 9 Albany
N. 23 Florida Atlantic
@FL Lauderdale, FL
#Pro Player Stadium

MORRIS BROWN (5-6)

Atlanta, GA
A. 31 Delaware State
S. 7 at Florida A&M
S. 14 Bethune-Cookman
S. 21 at Clark Atlanta
S. 28 Howard
O. 5 at Alabama State
O. 19 Savannah State
O. 26 Morgan State
N. 9 at Florida Atlantic
N. 16 Grambling
N. 23 at Norfolk State
@Augusta, GA

SAMFORD (5-5)

Birmingham, AL
A. 29 North Alabama
S. 7 at Baylor
S. 14 Nicholls State
S. 21 Tennessee-Martin
O. 5 at Jacksonville State
O. 19 Alcorn State
O. 26 at Morris Brown
N. 2 at Murray State
N. 9 Tennessee Tech
N. 16 at SE Missouri State
N. 23 at Youngstown State

SAVANNAH STATE (2-7)

Savannah, GA
A. 31 Bethune-Cookman
S. 7 at Delaware State
S. 14 Norfolk State
O. 12 SC State
O. 21 Charleston Southern
O. 19 Morris Brown
N. 16 at Gardner-Webb
@Jacksonville, FL
#Orangeburg, SC
#Augusta, GA

SOUTHERN UTAH (2-9)

Cedar City, UT
S. 7 Mesa State
S. 14 at Troy State
S. 21 Eastern Washington
S. 28 at SW Texas State
O. 5 at Stephen F. Austin
O. 12 Cal Poly
O. 19 at Montana
O. 26 St. Mary's
N. 2 at Arkansas State
N. 16 Western Illinois
N. 23 Idaho State

ST. MARY'S (6-5)

Moraga, CA
A. 31 at Montana State
S. 7 Sacramento State
S. 14 Bucknell
S. 21 at Central Washington
S. 28 Western Washington
O. 5 at Humboldt State
O. 12 at Holy Cross
O. 19 Cal Poly
O. 26 at Southern Utah
N. 2 at UC Davis
N. 9 Drake
N. 16 Northern Arizona

DIVISION I-AA Preview

by Rick Bailey

The Big Sky Conference gets no respect for its defense, yet the **Montana Grizzlies**, on their march to the 2001 Division I-AA title, came within the last play of the last game of having consecutive shutouts. The Grizzlies (15-1) blanked Northern Iowa 38-0 in the semifinals and upended Furman 13-6 for their second title on their fourth trip to the championship game in seven years.

An encore? "Everybody loves to dream, and this program has big dreams and big visions," coach Joe Glenn says. "But we've done a great job staying focused on the here and now. You can't be 12-0 until you're 1-0."

Quarterback John Edwards will be "the pitcher of record," but Brandon Neill will be the reliever, according to Glenn. "When

help Portland into the playoffs. **Northern Arizona** (8-3) and **Montana State** (5-6) also hope to reach the post-season.

Atlantic 10

William & Mary (8-4) and **Maine** (9-3) were part of a four-way tie for the Atlantic 10 title last year but may be alone at the top this fall. The Tribe return second-team all-conference quarterback Dave Corley, who passed for 2,584 yards and 19 touchdowns during the regular season. Rich Musinski will be Corley's primary receiver, and Johnathan Smith will try to improve on his 12 rushing touchdowns as a freshman.

Quarterback Jake Eaton threw for 505 yards in two playoff games for Maine. Stefan Gomes was his main target. Linebacker Stephen Cooper was co-Defensive Player of the Year in the league and is expected to be a Buck Buchanan Award finalist for I-AA's top defensive player. **Hofstra** (9-3) must replace quarterback Rocky Butler. Junior Trevor Dimmie is the leading rusher. Linebacker Tyree Johnson anchors the defense.

K.C. Keeler, an outstanding coach for Division III Rowan, replaces the retired Tubby Raymond at **Delaware** (4-6). Raymond won his 300th game in his 36th year with the Blue Hens.

Big South

The Big South begins its first season of I-AA football this fall with four members: **Charleston Southern** (5-6), **Elon** (2-9), **Gardner-Webb** (6-4) and **Liberty** (3-8).

Gateway

Youngstown State (8-3) missed the 2001 playoffs but figures to return this fall behind Gateway Offensive Player of the Year P.J. Mays, a running back who gained 1,446 yards and scored 21 rushing touchdowns. Second-year coach Jon Heacock must replace quarterback Jeff Ryan. Wide receiver/returner Jerald Burley is back.

Defending champion **Northern Iowa** (11-3) returns leading rusher Adam Bengé, who scored four touchdowns in a playoff win over Eastern Illinois. Tom Petrie and senior Griff Jurgens will compete at quarterback. The defense is led by tackles Terrell Morgan and Robert Hamre.

Western Kentucky (8-4) tied for second in its Gateway debut but took a hit in the secondary. The Hilltoppers were second in I-AA in scoring defense (11.1 points). A new quarterback must be able to run coach Jack Harbaugh's I-bone offense.

Ivy

Defending champion **Harvard** (9-0) lost most of its defense, but linebacker Dante Balestracci returns. All-Ivy first-team quarterback Neil Rose is back along with receiver Carl Morris, the Ivy's 2001 Player of the Year.

Princeton (3-6) is the darkhorse thanks to an experienced squad, including quarterback David Splithoff. The Tigers return 17 other starters this fall, including three of Splithoff's favorite targets — receivers Chisom Opara and B.J. Szymanski and tight end Mike Chiusano.

Brown (6-3) expects to contend thanks to its ever-improving defense. The Bears return eight starters on defense and should have one of the top linebacking corps in the league. **Penn** (8-1) took a lot of losses on both sides of the ball. The Quakers lost quarterback Gavin Hoffman, their all-time leading passer, and first-team All-Ivy running back Kris Ryan, No. 4 in I-AA with 144.9 yards per game.

Top 25

1. **Montana**
2. **Appalachian State**
3. **Youngstown State**
4. **Eastern Illinois**
5. **William & Mary**
6. **McNeese State**
7. **Grambling**
8. **Florida A&M**
9. **Lehigh**
10. **Furman**
11. **Northern Iowa**
12. **Portland State**
13. **Maine**
14. **Northwestern State**
15. **Georgia Southern**
16. **Eastern Kentucky**
17. **Hofstra**
18. **Northern Arizona**
19. **Jackson State**
20. **Western Kentucky**
21. **Hampton**
22. **Colgate**
23. **Stephen F. Austin**
24. **Southern**
25. **Tennessee Tech**



Montana SID

Montana QB John Edwards

John gets dinged or things aren't going perfect, Brandon is right there."

Edwards isn't flashy, but he is efficient and can scramble. He passed for 2,160 yards in the regular season.

The Grizzlies must replace Yohance Humphrey, the school's all-time leading rusher. Redshirt freshmen J.R. Waller and David Gober and junior Branden Malcom are seeking the job. They will run behind a line that returns four starters.

Portland State (7-4) should offer the main challenge. The Vikings return All-Big Sky quarterback Juston Wood and Freshman of the Year running back Ryan Fuqua. Wood passed for 3,200 yards and 23 touchdowns. Fuqua ran for 393 yards against Eastern Washington. Improvement on defense may

DIVISION I-AA Preview

Metro Atlantic

Duquesne (8-3) has won the MAAC five of the last seven years, including the last three, and boasts some top returnees. Cornerback Leigh Bodden needs seven interceptions to tie the national record of 28. All-MAAC quarterback Niel Loebig threw for 2,112 yards and 22 touchdowns as a freshman. **St. Peter's** (10-1) improved six victories from 2000 and returns several standouts on defense. Shawn Poling, the 2001 MAAC Defensive Rookie of the Year, anchors the defensive line. Running back Derek Clayton was the league's top offensive rookie.

Mid-Eastern

Perennial champion **Florida A&M** (7-4) is favored to defend its title behind running back O.J. Marchbanks and quarterback Casey Printers, who transferred from TCU after guiding the Horned Frogs to three bowl appearances. **Hampton** (7-4) returns 18 starters, including junior quarterback Tim Frazier.

Bethune-Cookman (6-4) has Andre McGill, a transfer from Oklahoma State, and 2000 Rookie of the Year runner-up Allen Suber at quarterback. **Howard** (2-9) returns two-time MEAC Defensive Player of the Year Tracy White at linebacker.

Northeast

Robert Morris (6-3) is the likely favorite over **Sacred Heart**, (11-0) which is coming off an 11-win season. Robert Morris lost quarterback Tim Levick, a two-time Northeast Offensive Player of the Year. Returning is running back Sam Dorsett, who gained 1,116 yards last year, and two-time All-Northeast tight end Brent Hockenberry.

Sacred Heart lost its quarterback, running back and top receiver but is stacked on defense led by linebacker Kayode Mayowa, a two-time Defensive Player of the Year. Albany (7-3) returns quarterback Ryan Roeder and linebacker Josh Bazan.

Ohio Valley

Two-time OVC Offensive Player of the Year Tony Romo returns to **Eastern Illinois** (9-2). The Panthers' senior quarterback led I-AA in passing efficiency while throwing for 2,068 yards and 21 touchdowns. J.R. Taylor ran for 1,177 yards and 18 touchdowns and was first-team All-OVC.

Eastern Kentucky (8-2) coach Roy Kidd won his 300th game as the Colonels won eight games but missed the OVC title because

of a 21-17 loss to Eastern Illinois. **Tennessee Tech** (7-3) returns All-America senior defensive end D.J. Bleisath. He led I-AA with 24 tackles for a loss and was second with 10 sacks.

Patriot

Four-time defending champion **Lehigh** (11-1) won a playoff game for the third time in four years and lost only a handful of players to graduation. First-year coach Pete Lembo was a co-winner of the Eddie Robinson Award as the division's best. **Colgate** (7-3) figures to challenge again. Quarterback Tom McCune returns for his third year as a starter. All-Patriot first-teamer Nate Thomas returns at running back. **Bucknell** (6-4) lost to the Patriot League's top three finishers in 2001 — Lehigh, Colgate and Fordham — by a combined 14 points.

Pioneer

Dayton (10-1) defeated **Jacksonville** (6-5) in the title game as the Pioneer League went to division play last fall. The perennial champion Flyers will be hard to beat in the North, but the South is up for grabs. Dayton returns cornerback Mark Kasmer, a co-Defensive Player of the Year in the Pioneer, quarterback Kelly Spiker, tailback Tony Hurps and senior defensive tackle Andy Bentley.

Jacksonville lost several players, which will give **Morehead State** (6-5) and **Davidson** (5-4) more hope in the South. **San Diego** (6-3) will be Dayton's top threat behind junior quarterback Eric Rasmussen.

Southern Conference

Appalachian State (9-4) has something rivals Furman and Georgia Southern don't have — a returning coach in Jerry Moore. The Mountaineers also have a strong defense led by consensus All-American Josh Jeffries at end. He has been a Buck Buchanan finalist the last two years.

Furman (12-3) reached the I-AA title game under Bobby Johnson, who left to take over the Vanderbilt program. Long-time aide Bobby Lamb must replace tailback Louis Ivory and linebacker Will Bouton, the league's Offensive and Defensive Players of the Year, and four other All-Americans.

Georgia Southern (12-2) lost coach Paul Johnson to Navy, but offensive boss Mike Sewak will keep the Eagles flying. He must replace Adrian Peterson, I-AA's career rushing yardage and touchdown leader, and first-team All-Southern quarterback J.R. Revere.



Appalachian State QB Joe Burchette

Southland

Defending champion **McNeese State** (8-4) inherits the favorite's role with **Sam Houston State** (10-3) — which shared the 2001 title with MSU — **Northwestern State** (8-4) and **Stephen F. Austin** (6-5) next in line. McNeese has three quarterback candidates with Vick King the top returning tailback.

Sam Houston must replace quarterback Josh McCown, who was drafted by the Arizona Cardinals in the third round of the 2002 NFL Draft, but the Bearcats welcome in Mario Kinsey, who threw for 1,215 yards as a part-time starter at Kansas last season. Northwestern State has a new coach in alumnus Scott Stoker. Stephen F. Austin will have a new quarterback who will be throwing to receivers Anthony Dingle and Lawrence Hamilton.

SWAC

Rebuilding **Grambling** (10-1) and **Jackson State** (7-4) are likely division favorites in the Southwestern Athletic Conference. Quarterback Bruce Eugene hopes to replace Randy Hymes at Grambling. Eugene passed for 693 yards last year. Tramon Douglas is the top returning receiver. The Tigers return four offensive starters and five on defense.

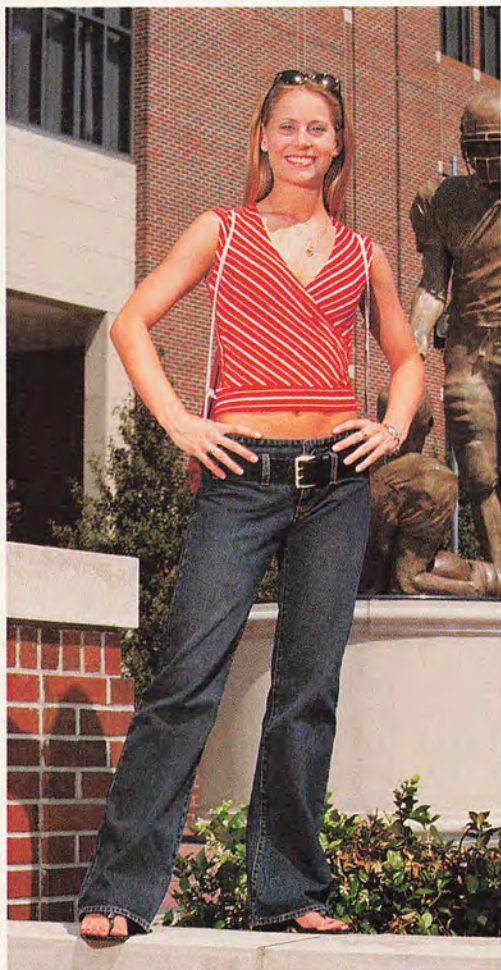
Alcorn State (6-5), behind sophomore quarterback Donald Carrie (2,743 yards, 23 TDs), could challenge Jackson State in the Eastern Division.



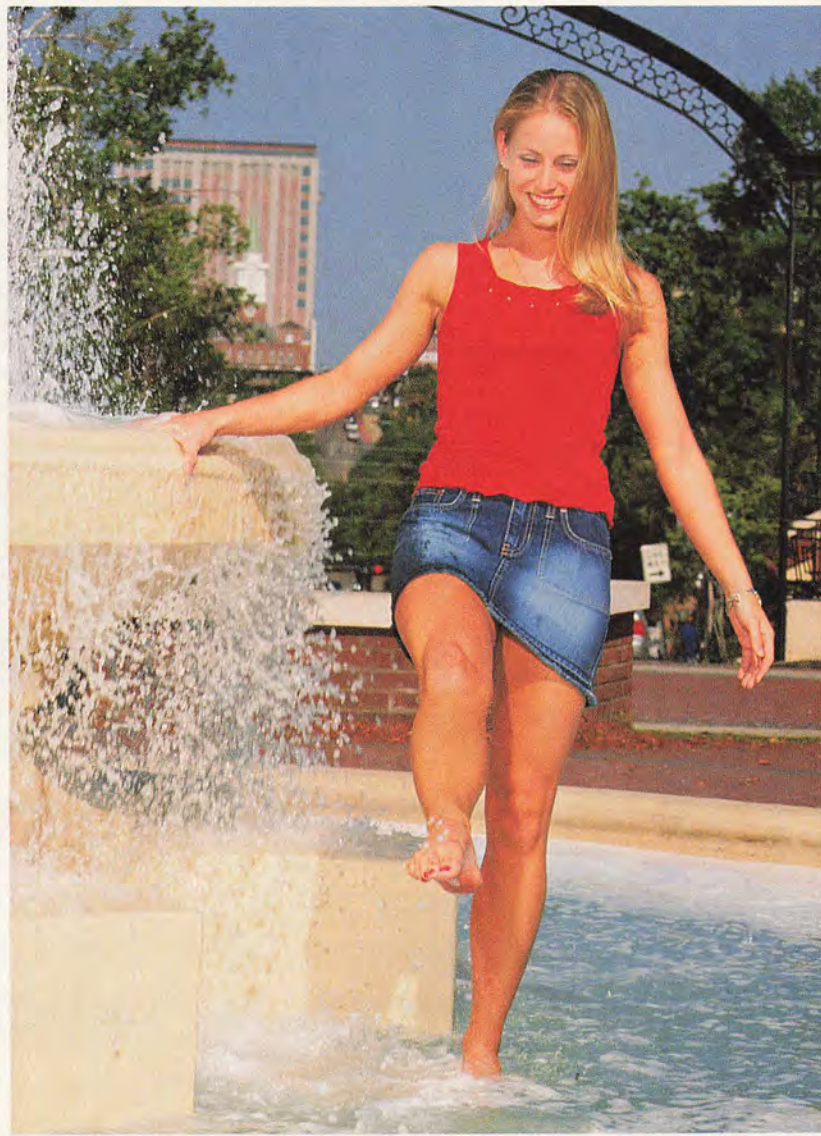
Kentucky fans may not be accustomed to winning championships in football, but the cheerleading squad rivals the basketball team in national titles. Senior Angela McAfee has been a member of three consecutive Cheerleading National Champions. The Nutrition major from Jacksboro, Tenn., enjoys tennis and plans to work at a gym or hospital as a nutritionist after graduation.



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Laura Capps from Pace, Fla., has experienced the tremendous success of the Florida State football program first hand while on the sidelines at Doak Campbell Stadium the past three seasons. Laura plans to attend business school this fall, but will continue to support the Seminoles from the stands. The athletic cheerleader is an avid football fan and a Level 10 gymnast. She enjoys spending time at the beach and traveling.



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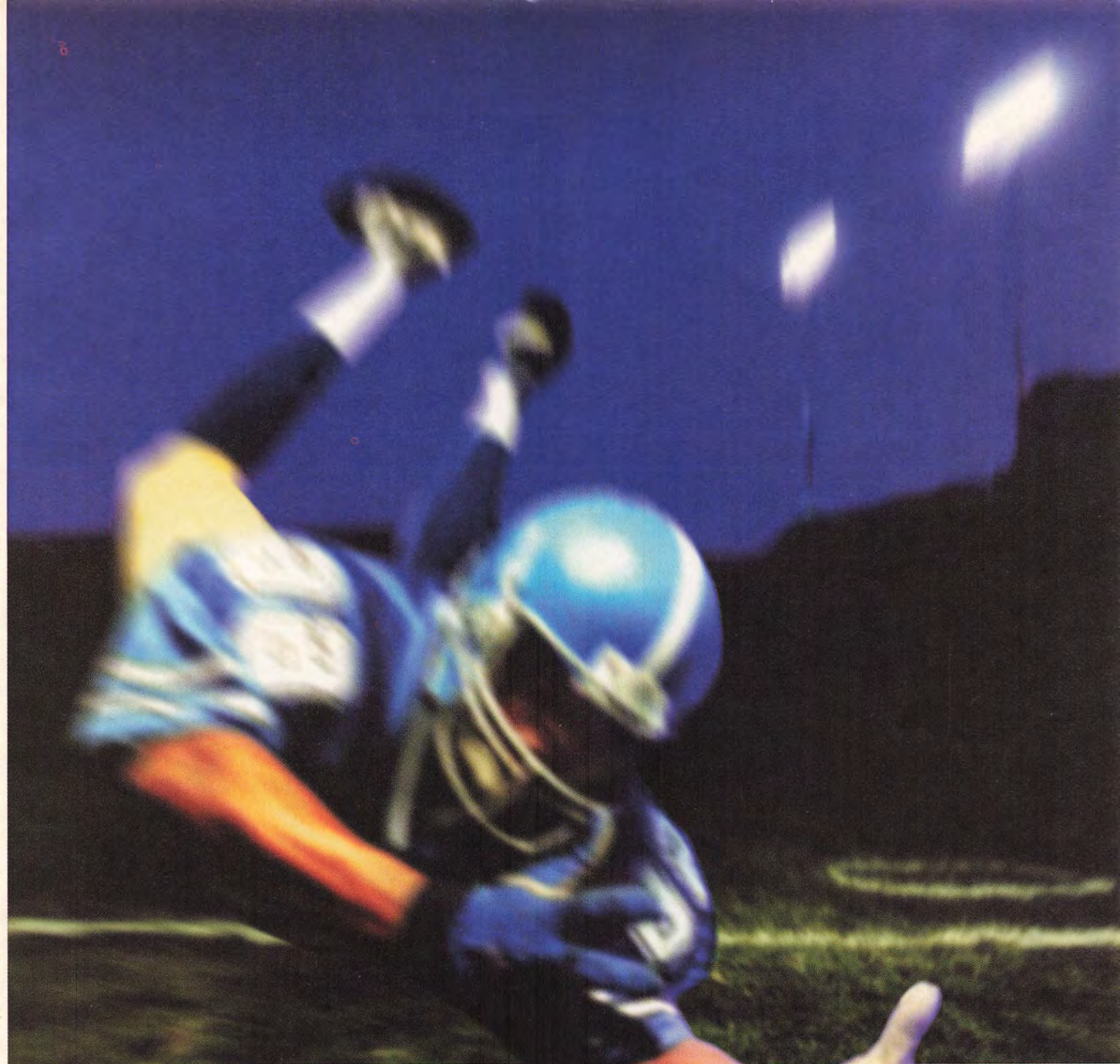
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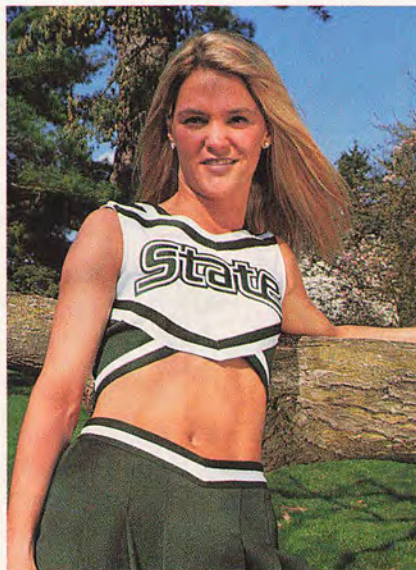
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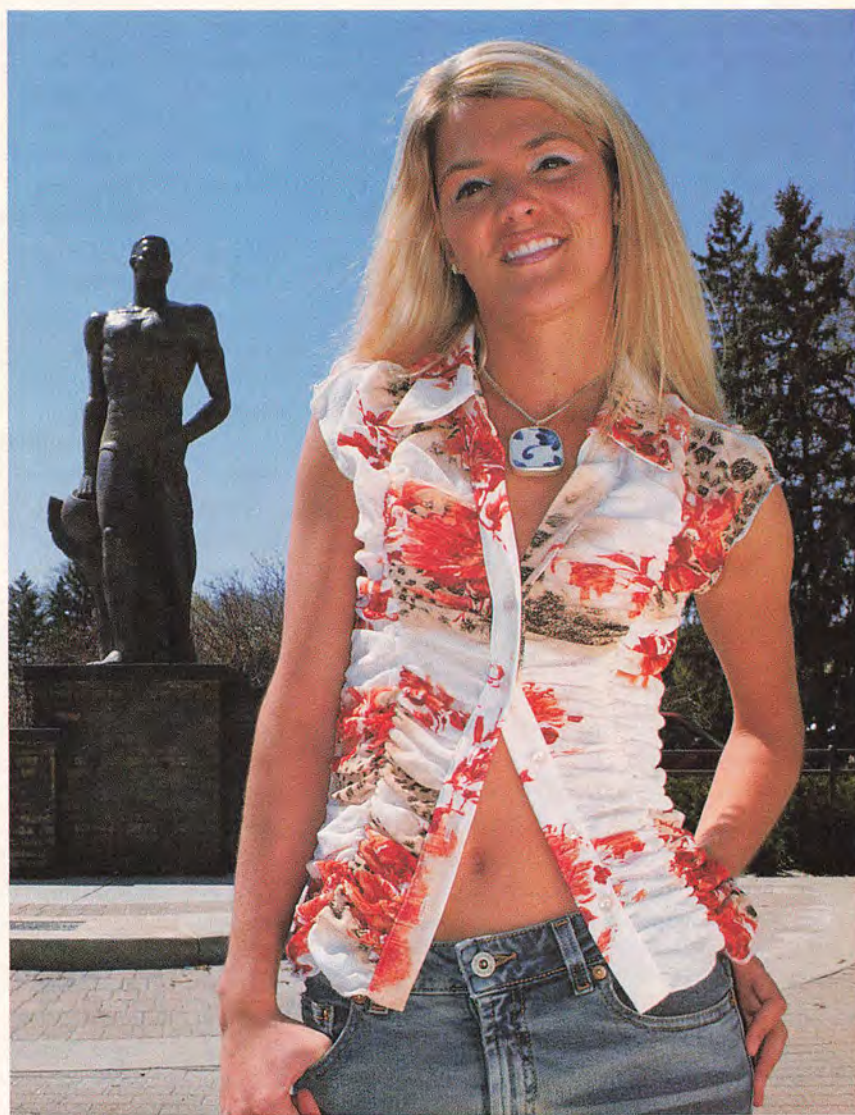
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As the Texas Longhorns pursue a National Championship on the gridiron, Kristin Brown will be enthusiastically cheering them on. Scheduled to graduate in 2003, the Houston native is majoring in Business Marketing and plans to work in that field for a few years before attending graduate school, or possibly law school. Hook 'Em Horns!



Under the watchful eye of "The Spartan," the Michigan State Spartans take the field every Saturday. Senior Katie Adams will be there every Saturday as well supporting the team. Katie, who hails from Farmington Hills, Mich., is a cheerleader captain and has been on the Dean's List at MSU for the past two years. She is an officer in her sorority, Alpha Chi Omega, and enjoys competitive horseback riding as well as dancing.



Photos by Peter Schlitt

National Top 100 Freshmen of 2002

Player	POS	HT	WT	Hometown	Signed By	Player	POS	HT	WT	Hometown	Signed By
1. Vincent Young	QB	6'5"	200	Houston, TX	Texas	51. Derek Landri	DL	6'2"	275	Concord, CA	Notre Dame
2. Ryan Moore	WR	6'3"	185	Orlando, FL	Miami	52. Manuel Wright	DL	6'6"	285	Compton, CA	USC
3. Lorenzo Booker	RB	5'11"	178	Ventura, CA	Florida State	53. Zach Latimer	LB	6'3"	215	Denver, CO	Oklahoma
4. Rodrique Wright	DL	6'5"	320	Alief, TX	Texas	54. Eric Winston	TE	6'5"	260	Midland, TX	Miami
5. Gerald Riggs Jr.	RB	5'11"	217	Chattanooga, TN	Tennessee	55. David Richard Jr.	RB	6'1"	234	St. Louis, MO	Mich. State
6. Chris Davis	WR	6'0"	170	St. Petersburg, FL	Florida State	56. Jason Carter	DB	6'0"	178	Tulsa, OK	Oklahoma
7. Ciatrick Fason	RB	6'1"	200	Neptune Beach, FL	Florida	57. A.J. Davis	ATH	6'0"	177	Durham, NC	NC State
8. Ben Olson	QB	6'4"	210	Thousand Oaks, CA	BYU	58. Tamba Hali	DE	6'4"	255	Teaneck, NJ	Penn State
9. Max Jean-Giles	OL	6'5"	340	Miami, FL	Georgia	59. DeShawn Wynn	RB	6'0"	215	Cincinnati, OH	Florida
10. Mike D'Andrea	LB	6'3"	240	Avon Lake, OH	Ohio State	60. Kyle Williams	OL	6'6"	280	Dallas, TX	USC
11. Larry Dibbles	DL	6'4"	280	Lancaster, TX	Texas	61. Travis Leitko	DL	6'6"	250	The Woodlands, TX	Notre Dame
12. Reggie McNeal	QB	6'3"	190	Lufkin, TX	Texas A&M	62. Aaron Harris	LB	6'0"	230	Mesquite, TX	Texas
13. Pat Watkins	DB	6'4"	195	Tallahassee, FL	Florida State	63. Kyle Brown	RB	6'1"	195	West Bloomfield, MI	Mich. State
14. Deljuan Robinson	DL	6'4"	270	Hernando, MS	Miss. State	64. Doug Datish	OL	6'5"	290	Warren, OH	Ohio State
15. Nathan Rhodes	OL	6'7"	305	Bakersfield, CA	Washington	65. Marcus Jackson	DE	6'3"	235	Norcross, GA	Georgia
16. Brandon Jefferies	OL	6'5"	275	Shelby, NC	Tennessee	66. Maurice Stovall	WR	6'5"	205	Philadelphia, PA	Notre Dame
17. Michael Johnson	RB	5'10"	187	Newport News, VA	Virginia	67. Marco Martin	DL	6'4"	331	Mesquite, TX	Texas
18. Ahmad Brooks	LB	6'4"	242	Woodbridge, VA	Virginia	68. Jarrad Page	DB	6'0"	200	San Leandro, CA	UCLA
19. Haloti Ngata	DL	6'4"	324	Salt Lake City, UT	Oregon	69. Michael Hawkins	DB	6'2"	180	Carrollton, TX	Oklahoma
20. Leon Washington	ATH	5'9"	180	Jacksonville, FL	Florida State	70. Darnell Bing	DB	6'2"	220	Lakewood, CA	USC
21. Winston Justice	OL	6'6"	305	Long Beach, CA	USC	71. Kamerion Wimbley	DL	6'4"	225	Wichita, KS	Florida State
22. Derek Morris	OL	6'6"	360	Huntersville, NC	Ohio State	72. Chase Pittman	DE	6'5"	265	Shreveport, LA	Texas
23. Ricardo Hurley	LB	6'2"	220	Greenwood, SC	S. Carolina	73. Eric McNeal	DB	6'2"	191	Gardena, CA	UCLA
24. Bryan Pickryl	DE	6'5"	210	Tulsa, OK	Texas	74. James Bonelli	OL	6'6"	285	Ventura, CA	Notre Dame
25. Dishon Platt	WR	6'0"	180	Punta Gorda, FL	Florida State	75. Jonathan Wade	WR	5'11"	180	Shreveport, LA	Tennessee
26. Justin Blalock	OL	6'4"	340	Plano, TX	Texas	76. Montavis Pitts	ATH	6'1"	180	Loachapoka, AL	Auburn
27. Jerious Norwood	RB	6'1"	190	Brandon, MS	Miss. State	77. Kai Parham	LB	6'3"	233	Virginia Beach, VA	Virginia
28. Marquis Johnson	WR	6'4"	200	Champaign, IL	Texas	78. Devin Aromashodu	WR	6'2"	185	Miami Springs, FL	Auburn
29. Julian Jenkins	DE	6'4"	240	Atlanta, GA	Stanford	79. Heath Benedict	OL	6'6"	285	Greer, SC	Tennessee
30. Kedric Golston	DL	6'4"	285	Tyrone, GA	Georgia	80. David Horne	RB	6'0"	192	Omaha, NE	Nebraska
31. Darren Williams	DB	6'3"	215	Clarksdale, MS	Miss. State	81. Aaron Miller	DB	6'1"	175	Fresno, CA	Oklahoma
32. Devin Hester	WR	5'11"	168	Riviera Beach, FL	Miami	82. Chris Baker	WR	6'1"	185	Osceola, AR	Arkansas
33. James Banks	QB	6'3"	195	Indianapolis, IN	Tennessee	83. Quinn Pitcock	DL	6'4"	285	Piqua, OH	Ohio State
34. Gavin Dickey	QB	6'0"	190	Tallahassee, FL	Florida	84. Anthony Martinez	QB	6'3"	217	Montpelier, VA	Virginia
35. Trent Edwards	QB	6'4"	195	Los Gatos, CA	Stanford	85. Selvin Young	RB	6'0"	195	Houston, TX	Texas
36. Parys Haralson	LB	6'2"	235	Flora, MS	Tennessee	86. Glenn Ohaeri	RB	5'9"	190	San Bernardino, CA	UCLA
37. Chris Anderson	DL	6'3"	275	Jacksonville, FL	Florida State	87. Matt Gutierrez	QB	6'4"	210	Concord, CA	Michigan
38. Richard Washington	WR	6'1"	175	Ft. Myers, FL	NC State	88. Edorian McCullough	DB	5'11"	175	Garland, TX	Texas
39. Marcus Vick	QB	6'1"	190	Newport News, VA	Virginia Tech	89. Neale Tweedie	OL	6'5"	255	Lucas, TX	Texas
40. Justin Zwick	QB	6'4"	215	Massillon, OH	Ohio State	90. Albert Hardy	RB	5'11"	215	Houston, TX	Texas
41. Robert Timmons	WR	6'2"	205	Flower Mound, TX	Texas	91. William Cooper	DB	6'1"	180	Flint, MI	Michigan
42. Ben Obomanu	WR	6'3"	185	Selma, AL	Auburn	92. Aaron Kirkland	ATH	6'4"	250	Fayetteville, NC	Tennessee
43. Marvin Byrdsong	LB	6'3"	230	Longview, TX	Miss. State	93. DaBryan Blanton	WR	5'11"	170	Forney, TX	Oklahoma
44. Maurice Clarett	RB	6'0"	240	Warren, OH	Ohio State	94. Jonathan Mapu	DL	6'3"	265	Kahuku, HI	Tennessee
45. Lonnie Davis	TE	6'4"	255	Jacksonville, FL	Florida State	95. Jason Avant	WR	6'2"	200	Chicago, IL	Michigan
46. Jason Allen	DB	6'2"	200	Muscle Shoals, AL	Tennessee	96. Hershel Dennis	RB	5'11"	190	Long Beach, CA	USC
47. Tyler Palko	QB	6'2"	200	Imperial, PA	Pittsburgh	97. Isaiah Stanback	QB	6'3"	190	Seattle, WA	Washington
48. Mercedes Lewis	TE	6'6"	240	Long Beach, CA	UCLA	98. Randy Hand	OL	6'4"	315	Fort Myers, FL	Florida
49. Gabriel Watson	DL	6'4"	334	Novi, MI	Michigan	99. Nate Harris	LB	6'2"	205	Miami, FL	Miami
50. Rhema McKnight	WR	6'2"	190	La Palma, CA	Notre Dame	100. Jabari Levey	OL	6'7"	295	Moncks Corner, SC	S. Carolina

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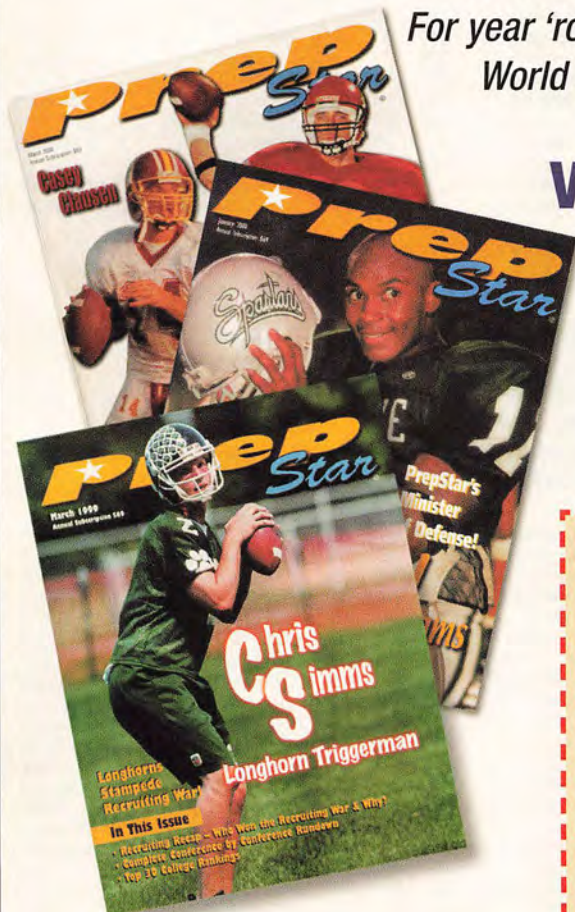
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National Top 50 Recruiting Classes of 2002

1. TEXAS	11. AUBURN	21. NOTRE DAME	31. WASHINGTON STATE	41. NORTH CAROLINA
2. OHIO STATE	12. SOUTH CAROLINA	22. TEXAS A&M	32. ALABAMA	42. SYRACUSE
3. TENNESSEE	13. USC	23. PENN STATE	33. MICHIGAN STATE	43. ILLINOIS
4. GEORGIA	14. LSU	24. FLORIDA	34. WEST VIRGINIA	44. VIRGINIA TECH
5. FLORIDA STATE	15. WASHINGTON	25. ARIZONA	35. NORTH CAROLINA ST.	45. BOSTON COLLEGE
6. OKLAHOMA	16. KANSAS STATE	26. CLEMSON	36. PURDUE	46. TEXAS TECH
7. MIAMI	17. MICHIGAN	27. MISSOURI	37. PITTSBURGH	47. OREGON
8. UCLA	18. ARKANSAS	28. OKLAHOMA STATE	38. MARYLAND	48. SOUTHERN MISS
9. VIRGINIA	19. ARIZONA STATE	29. MISSISSIPPI	39. BRIGHAM YOUNG	49. WISCONSIN
10. COLORADO	20. MISSISSIPPI STATE	30. IOWA STATE	40. NEBRASKA	50. IOWA

ACC RANKINGS

1. FSU	6. NORTH CAROLINA
2. VIRGINIA	7. DUKE
3. CLEMSON	8. GEORGIA TECH
4. NC STATE	9. WAKE FOREST
5. MARYLAND	

1. Lorenzo Booker	RB	5'11"	178	Ventura, CA	Florida State
2. Chris Davis	WR	6'0"	170	St. Petersburg, FL	Florida State
3. Pat Watkins	DB	6'4"	195	Tallahassee, FL	Florida State
4. Michael Johnson	RB	5'10"	187	Newport News, VA	Virginia
5. Ahmad Brooks	LB	6'4"	242	Woodbridge, VA	Virginia
6. Leon Washington	ATH	5'9"	180	Jacksonville, FL	Florida State
7. Dishon Platt	WR	6'0"	180	Punta Gorda, FL	Florida State
8. Chris Anderson	DL	6'3"	275	Jacksonville, FL	Florida State
9. Richard Washington	WR	6'1"	175	Ft. Myers, FL	NC State
10. Lonnie Davis	TE	6'4"	255	Jacksonville, FL	Florida State
11. A.J. Davis	ATH	6'0"	177	Durham, NC	NC State
12. Kamerion Wimbley	DL	6'4"	225	Wichita, KS	Florida State
13. Kai Parham	LB	6'3"	233	Virginia Beach, VA	Virginia
14. Anthony Martinez	QB	6'3"	217	Montpelier, VA	Virginia
15. AJ Nicholson	LB	6'2"	232	Winston-Salem, NC	Florida State
16. Buster Davis	LB	5'10"	230	Daytona Beach, FL	Florida State
17. Damian Spradlin	OL	6'3"	284	Montvale, VA	Virginia
18. Tristian McLendon	RB	6'2"	220	Albermarle, NC	NC State
19. Shawne Merriman	LB	6'3"	218	Upper Marlboro, MD	Maryland
20. Kyle Ralph	OL	6'4"	280	Cincinnati, OH	North Carolina

BIG TEN RANKINGS

1. OHIO STATE	7. WISCONSIN
2. MICHIGAN	8. IOWA
3. PENN STATE	9. MINNESOTA
4. MICHIGAN STATE	10. NORTHWESTERN
5. PURDUE	11. INDIANA
6. ILLINOIS	

1. Mike D'Andrea	LB	6'3"	240	Avon Lake, OH	Ohio State
2. Derek Morris	OL	6'6"	360	Huntersville, NC	Ohio State
3. Justin Zwick	QB	6'4"	215	Massillon, OH	Ohio State
4. Maurice Claret	RB	6'0"	230	Warren, OH	Ohio State
5. Gabriel Watson	DL	6'4"	334	Novi, MI	Michigan
6. David Richard Jr.	RB	6'1"	234	St. Louis, MO	Michigan State
7. Tamba Hali	DL	6'4"	255	Teaneck, NJ	Penn State
8. Kyle Brown	WR	6'1"	195	W. Bloomfield, MI	Michigan State
9. Doug Datish	OL	6'5"	290	Warren, OH	Ohio State
10. Quinn Pitcock	DL	6'4"	285	Piqua, OH	Ohio State
11. Matt Gutierrez	QB	6'4"	210	Concord, CA	Michigan
12. William Cooper	DB	6'1"	180	Flint, MI	Michigan
13. Jason Avant	WR	6'2"	200	Chicago, IL	Michigan
14. Brandon Snow	RB	6'2"	225	Newark, DE	Penn State
15. Nick Mangold	OL	6'4"	270	Kettering, OH	Ohio State
16. Nate Salley	DB	6'3"	180	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Ohio State
17. Mark Farris	OL	6'6"	295	Pittsburgh, PA	Penn State
18. Darnell Hood	RB	5'10"	186	Detroit, MI	Michigan
19. R.J. Coleman	TE	6'5"	265	Clarksburg, WV	Ohio State
20. Drew Stanton	QB	6'4"	216	Farmington Hills, MI	Michigan State

BIG EAST RANKINGS

1. MIAMI	5. VIRGINIA TECH
2. WEST VIRGINIA	6. BOSTON COLLEGE
3. PITTSBURGH	7. RUTGERS
4. SYRACUSE	8. TEMPLE

1. Ryan Moore	WR	6'3"	185	Orlando, FL	Miami
2. Devin Hester	WR	5'11"	168	Riviera Beach, FL	Miami
3. Marcus Vick	QB	6'1"	190	Newport News, VA	Virginia Tech
4. Tyler Palko	QB	6'2"	210	Imperial, PA	Pittsburgh
5. Eric Winston	TE	6'5"	260	Midland, TX	Miami
6. Nate Harris	LB	6'2"	205	Miami, FL	Miami
7. Curtis Justus	TE	6'6"	200	Perry, OK	Miami
8. Jonathan Lewis	DL	6'2"	290	Richmond, VA	Virginia Tech
9. Will Blackmon	RB	6'0"	175	Cranston, RI	Boston College
10. Justin Outten	OL	6'3"	265	Chalfont, PA	Syracuse
11. Jim Unis	DL	6'4"	225	Gloucester, MA	Boston College
12. Berkeley Hutchinson	LB	6'3"	235	Long Branch, NJ	Rutgers
13. Marc Guillon	QB	6'4"	190	Orinda, CA	Miami
14. Akiem Jolla	WR	6'4"	190	New Orleans, LA	Miami
15. John Wood	DL	6'3"	225	Haileah, FL	Miami
16. Terrell Walden	DB	6'0"	170	Miami, FL	Miami
17. Baraka Atkins	DL	6'4"	240	Sarasota, FL	Miami
18. Kareem Brown	DL	6'0"	250	Miami, FL	Miami
19. Glenn Sharpe	DB	5'11"	175	Miami, FL	Miami
20. Greg Threat	DB	6'2"	185	Tallahassee, FL	Miami

BIG 12 RANKINGS

1. TEXAS	7. OKLAHOMA STATE
2. OKLAHOMA	8. IOWA STATE
3. COLORADO	9. NEBRASKA
4. KANSAS STATE	10. TEXAS TECH
5. TEXAS A&M	11. KANSAS
6. MISSOURI	12. BAYLOR

1. Vincent Young	QB	6'5"	200	Houston, TX	Texas
2. Rodrigue Wright	DL	6'5"	320	Alief, TX	Texas
3. Larry Dibbles	DL	6'4"	280	Lancaster, TX	Texas
4. Reggie McNeal	QB	6'3"	190	Lufkin, TX	Texas A&M
5. Bryan Pickryl	DL	6'5"	210	Tulsa, OK	Texas
6. Justin Blalock	OL	6'4"	340	Plano, TX	Texas
7. Marquis Johnson	WR	6'4"	200	Champaign, IL	Texas
8. Robert Timmons	WR	6'2"	205	Flower Mound, TX	Texas
9. Zach Latimer	LB	6'3"	215	Denver, CO	Oklahoma
10. Jason Carter	DB	6'0"	178	Tulsa, OK	Oklahoma
11. Aaron Harris	LB	6'0"	230	Mesquite, TX	Texas
12. Marco Martin	DL	6'4"	331	Mesquite, TX	Texas
13. Michael Hawkins	DB	6'2"	180	Carrollton, TX	Oklahoma
14. Chase Pittman	DL	6'5"	265	Shreveport, LA	Texas
15. David Horn	RB	6'0"	192	Omaha, NE	Nebraska
16. Aaron Miller	DB	6'1"	175	Fresno, CA	Oklahoma
17. Selvin Young	RB	6'0"	195	Houston, TX	Texas
18. Edorian McCullough	DB	5'11"	175	Garland, TX	Texas
19. Neale Tweedie	OL	6'5"	255	Lucas, TX	Texas
20. Albert Hardy	RB	5'11"	215	Houston, TX	Texas

C-USA RANKINGS

1. SOUTHERN MISS
2. MEMPHIS
3. HOUSTON
4. LOUISVILLE
5. EAST CAROLINA
6. TCU
7. UAB
8. TULANE
9. CINCINNATI
10. ARMY

1. DeAngelo Williams	RB	5'9"	195	Wynne, AR	Memphis
2. Robbie D'Angelo	OL	6'2"	285	Gulfport, MS	Southern Miss
3. Robert Merrill	RB	5'11"	195	San Antonio, TX	TCU
4. Abe Brown	DB	6'3"	200	Sarasota, FL	Louisville
5. Willie Henderson	DT	6'7"	275	Memphis, TN	Memphis
6. Anthony Johnson	QB	6'3"	220	Duncan, SC	UAB
7. Roshawn Pope	WR	5'10"	180	Galveston, TX	Houston
8. John Douchette	TE	6'2"	248	New Orleans, LA	Memphis
9. Michael Sturgeon	OL	6'3"	270	Louisville, KY	Louisville
10. Elvis Dumervil	DL	6'0"	240	Miami, FL	Louisville
11. Chris Crumpton	QB	6'1"	180	Hartselle, AL	Southern Miss
12. Billy Don Malone	QB	6'2"	180	Blossom, TX	Tulane
13. L.C. Kirkpatrick	DL	6'2"	250	Houston, TX	Houston
14. Maurice Avery	QB	6'1"	195	Atlanta, GA	Memphis
15. Earl Anderson	DL	6'3"	283	San Marcos, TX	TCU
16. Chad Andrus	TE	6'4"	220	Keller, TX	TCU
17. Herbert Taylor II	OL	6'4"	245	Sugar Land, TX	TCU
18. James Pinkney	QB	6'4"	190	Delray Beach, FL	East Carolina
19. Willie Gaston	DB	5'10"	170	Houston, TX	Houston
20. Jasper Faulk	RB	6'0"	190	Lafayette, LA	Southern Miss

MOUNTAIN WEST RANKINGS

1. BYU
2. COLORADO STATE
3. UTAH
4. UNLV
5. NEW MEXICO
6. WYOMING
7. SAN DIEGO STATE
8. AIR FORCE

1. Ben Olson	QB	6'4"	210	Thousand Oaks, CA	BYU
2. Tristan Walker	RB	6'1"	225	Claremont, CA	Colorado State
3. Frederick Collins	RB	6'1"	190	India, CA	San Diego State
4. Taufui Vakapuna	RB	6'0"	210	Salt Lake City, UT	BYU
5. Aaron Singh	ATH	5'11"	192	Carlsbad, CA	BYU
6. Marshall Tharpe	QB	6'2"	185	Coto de Caza, CA	Colorado State
7. Jake Kuresa	DL	6'4"	310	Millville, UT	BYU
8. Andrew Smart	LB	6'3"	220	Salt Lake City, UT	Utah
9. Curtis Brown	RB	5'11"	185	Palmdale, CA	BYU
10. Marcus Crawford	FB	6'3"	210	Newbury Park, CA	UNLV
11. Deuce Lutui	OL	6'4"	330	Mesa, AZ	Utah
12. Adam Hayward	LB	6'1"	214	Westminster, CA	Colorado State
13. Daniel Coats	WR	6'2"	200	Layton, UT	BYU
14. Jeff Rush	QB	6'3"	230	Phoenix, AZ	Wyoming
15. Ben Stratton	DB	6'2"	200	Cheyenne, WY	Colorado State
16. Chase Johnson	OL	6'7"	270	Loveland, CO	Wyoming
17. Kole McKamey	QB	6'2"	185	Artesia, NM	New Mexico
18. Michael Leiter	DE	6'4"	235	Mission Viejo, CA	Colorado State
19. Andrew George	TE	6'4"	210	Englewood, CO	BYU
20. William Tukuafu	DL	6'3"	270	Salt Lake City, UT	BYU

MAC RANKINGS

1. UCF
2. TOLEDO
3. NORTHERN ILLINOIS
4. BOWLING GREEN
5. BALL STATE
6. OHIO
7. EASTERN MICHIGAN
8. MARSHALL
9. AKRON
10. BUFFALO
11. CENTRAL MICHIGAN
12. WESTERN MICHIGAN
13. MIAMI
14. KENT STATE

1. Tywin Kalandyk	LB	6'2"	210	Live Oaks, FL	UCF
2. Chad Mascoe	LB	6'2"	250	Kissimmee, FL	UCF
3. DeMarcus Johnson	DT	6'4"	295	Tallahassee, FL	UCF
4. Quinton Broussard	RB	5'9"	180	Carrollton, TX	Toledo
5. Omar Jacobs	QB	6'4"	215	Delray Beach, FL	Bowling Green
6. Adrian Davis	RB	5'8"	195	Kenosha, WI	Northern Illinois
7. Matt Voegel	LB	6'1"	230	North Bend, OH	Miami
8. "Tank" Tunstalle	RB	6'1"	205	New Richmond, WV	Marshall
9. Michael Radon	QB	6'1"	175	Buffalo, NY	Buffalo
10. Larry Peoples	OL	6'6"	290	Jacksonville, FL	UCF
11. Brad Seiss	RB	6'0"	195	Warsaw, IN	Ball State
12. Mike Donaldson	OL	6'6"	325	Mansfield, OH	Akron
13. Jamar Landrum	DB	6'2"	200	Pontiac, MI	Toledo
14. Mike Berry	DE	6'5"	240	Chicago, IL	Akron
15. Jamar White	LB	6'3"	235	Dotson, IL	E. Michigan
16. Vincent Davis	LB	6'3"	200	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Ball State
17. Terna Nande	LB	6'1"	210	Grand Rapids, MI	MIAMI
18. Duane Robinson	DE	6'4"	240	Cudahy, WI	W. Michigan
19. Eric Karbowski	OL	6'3"	294	Standish, MI	C.I. Michigan
20. Dominic Moran	OL	6'5"	275	Rochester Hills, MI	W. Michigan

PAC-10 RANKINGS

1. UCLA
2. USC
3. WASHINGTON
4. ARIZONA STATE
5. ARIZONA
6. WASHINGTON STATE
7. OREGON
8. OREGON STATE
9. STANFORD
10. CALIFORNIA

1. Nathan Rhodes	OL	6'7"	305	Bakersfield, CA	Washington
2. Haloti Ngata	DL	6'4"	324	Salt Lake City, UT	Oregon
3. Winston Justice	OL	6'6"	305	Long Beach, CA	USC
4. Julian Jenkins	DL	6'4"	240	Atlanta, GA	Stanford
5. Trent Edwards	QB	6'4"	195	Los Gatos, CA	Stanford
6. Mercedes Lewis	TE	6'6"	240	Long Beach, CA	UCLA
7. Manuel Wright	DL	6'6"	285	Compton, CA	USC
8. Kyle Williams	OL	6'6"	280	Dallas, TX	USC
9. Jarrad Page	DB	6'0"	200	San Leandro, CA	UCLA
10. Darnell Bing	DB	6'2"	220	Lakewood, CA	USC
11. Eric McNeal	DB	6'2"	191	Gardena, CA	UCLA
12. Glenn Ohaeri	RB	5'9"	190	San Bernardino, CA	UCLA
13. Hershel Dennis	RB	5'11"	175	Long Beach, CA	USC
14. Isaiah Stanback	QB	6'3"	190	Seattle, WA	Washington
15. Drew Olson	QB	6'2"	188	Piedmont, CA	UCLA
16. Chris Doyle	OL	6'1"	285	Newport Beach, CA	USC
17. Brandon Hancock	RB	6'2"	245	Fresno, CA	USC
18. Donny Mateaki	DL	6'5"	265	Honolulu, HI	Washington
19. Randy Hill	RB	6'2"	200	Tempe, AZ	Arizona State
20. Justin London	LB	6'2"	232	Roanoke, VA	UCLA

SEC RANKINGS

1. TENNESSEE
2. GEORGIA
3. AUBURN
4. SOUTH CAROLINA
5. LSU
6. ARKANSAS
7. MISS. STATE
8. FLORIDA
9. OLE MISS
10. ALABAMA
11. VANDERBILT
12. KENTUCKY

1. Gerald Riggs Jr.	RB	5'11"	217	Chattanooga, TN	Tennessee
2. Ciatrick Fason	RB	6'1"	200	Neptune Beach, FL	Florida
3. Max Jean-Gilles	OL	6'5"	340	Miami, FL	Georgia
4. Deljuan Robinson	DL	6'4"	270	Hernando, MS	Miss. State
5. Brandon Jefferies	OL	6'5"	275	Shelby, NC	Tennessee
6. Ricardo Hurley	LB	6'3"	235	Greenwood, SC	S. Carolina
7. Jerious Norwood	RB	6'1"	190	Brandon, MS	Miss. State
8. Kedric Golston	DL	6'4"	285	Tyrone, GA	Georgia
9. Darren Williams	DB	6'3"	215	Clarksdale, MS	Miss. State
10. James Banks	QB	6'3"	195	Indianapolis, IN	Tennessee
11. Parys Haralson	LB	6'2"	235	Flora, MS	Tennessee
12. Ben Obomanu	WR	6'3"	185	Selma, AL	Auburn
13. Marvin Byrdson	LB	6'3"	240	Longview, TX	Miss. State
14. Jason Allen	DB	6'2"	200	Muscle Shoals, AL	Tennessee
15. DeShawn Wynn	RB	6'0"	210	Cincinnati, OH	Florida
16. Marcus Jackson	DE	6'3"	235	Norcross, GA	Georgia
17. Jonathan Wade	WR	6'0"	180	Shreveport, LA	Tennessee
18. Montavis Pitts	ATH	6'1"	180	Loachapoka, AL	Auburn
19. Devin Aromashodu	WR	6'2"	185	Miami Springs, FL	Auburn
20. Heath Benedict	OL	6'6"	285	Greer, SC	Tennessee

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SUN BELT RANKINGS

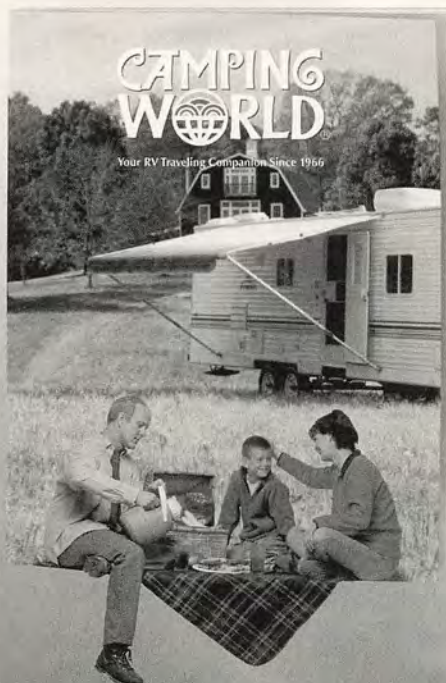
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| 1. MTSU | 5. LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE |
| 2. IDAHO | 6. NEW MEXICO STATE |
| 3. ARKANSAS STATE | 7. NORTH TEXAS STATE |
| 4. LOUISIANA-MONROE | |

1. Sam Williams	ATH	6'2"	180	Spartanburg, SC	MTSU
2. Kelvin German	RB	5'11"	190	Fairburn, GA	MTSU
3. Josh Harris	QB	6'3"	180	Santuck, SC	MTSU
4. John Henry	OL	6'6"	305	Nashville, TN	MTSU
5. Jarvis Murchison	DB	5'9"	175	Jasper, TX	Louisiana-Lafayette
6. Matt Newell	OL	6'8"	285	Las Vegas, NV	Idaho
7. Eric Smith	RB	5'11"	200	Kenner, LA	Louisiana-Monroe
8. Damarea Caldwell	WR	6'1"	185	Bastrop, LA	Louisiana-Monroe
9. John Jackson	DL	6'5"	225	Monroe, LA	Louisiana-Monroe
10. Paul Cantrell	OL	6'4"	316	Canton, GA	MTSU
11. Jaron Williams	LB	6'1"	200	Pasadena, CA	Idaho
12. Hank Therien	OL	6'7"	318	Corvallis, OR	Idaho
13. Terryl Fenton	DB	6'2"	190	New Orleans, LA	Louisiana-Lafayette
14. Joseph Merritt II	WR	6'0"	180	Oakdale, LA	Louisiana-Monroe
15. Chris Littleton	DB	5'11"	195	Osceola, AR	Arkansas State
16. Charles Johnson	WR	5'10"	180	Memphis, TN	Arkansas State
17. Sean Waller	WR	5'10"	160	Madison, TN	MTSU
18. Wendell Octave	WR	6'1"	185	St. James, LA	Idaho
19. Jermaine Montgomery	LB	6'0"	214	Waxahachie, TX	Arkansas State
20. Pierre Ingram	WR	6'4"	200	Stockbridge, GA	MTSU

WAC RANKINGS

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| 1. FRESNO STATE | 6. BOISE STATE |
| 2. SMU | 7. SAN JOSE STATE |
| 3. HAWAII | 8. RICE |
| 4. TULSA | 9. LA TECH |
| 5. NEVADA | 10. UTEP |

1. Vincent Mays	DB	5'11"	200	Rancho Cordova, CA	Fresno State
2. Ilario Vital	RB	5'11"	207	Oakland, CA	San Jose State
3. Samson Satele	OL	6'4"	285	Kailua, HI	Hawaii
4. Ricky Miller	LB	6'3"	240	Tustin, CA	Fresno State
5. Aaron Danenhauer	OL	6'6"	275	Bentonville, AR	Tulsa
6. Dwayne Andrews	LB	6'2"	235	Los Angeles, CA	Fresno State
7. James Clancy	RB	6'0"	252	Tulsa, OK	Tulsa
8. Trestin George	TB	5'8"	187	Berkeley, CA	San Jose State
9. Anthony Barnett	RB	5'9"	182	Dallas, TX	SMU
10. Ladarius Love	DL	6'3"	310	Jonesboro, LA	Louisiana Tech
11. Jordan Christensen	QB	6'3"	185	Fresno, CA	Fresno State
12. Robbie Dubois	RB	5'10"	205	Mission Viejo, CA	Fresno State
13. Dane Uperesa	OL	6'5"	300	Honolulu, HI	Hawaii
14. James Elliot	WR	6'3"	190	Sonora, TX	SMU
15. Wayman Casey	DL	6'5"	258	Fort Smith, AR	Tulsa
16. Leroy White	LB	6'0"	208	Garland, TX	Tulsa
17. Daniel Francis	WR	5'11"	170	Port Arthur, TX	SMU
18. Garrett Mills	RB	6'1"	211	Tulsa, OK	Tulsa
19. Legedu Naanee	QB	6'2"	212	Portland, OR	Boise State
20. Brent Karrington	DE	6'3"	245	Dallas, TX	SMU



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QUARTERBACKS

Tommy Grady	6'6"	215
Chris Leak	6'3"	190
Dennis Dixon	6'4"	180
Sam Kellar	6'4"	210
Jamarcus Russell	6'5"	225
Richard Kovalcheck	6'3"	210
Kyle Wright	6'4"	195
Justin Midget	6'4"	210
Cliff Davis	6'5"	200
Andre Brown	6'1"	205
Drew Tate	6'2"	175
Tommy Zbikowski	6'1"	190
Blake Mitchell	6'4"	190
Robert Lane	6'3"	210
Ben Mauk	6'2"	180
James Battle	6'2"	195
Joe Dailey	6'0"	200
Russell Hemby	6'1"	195
Pete Martinsen	6'4"	220
Syvelle Newton	6'3"	210
Brett Weyman	6'3"	225
Devin Williams	6'3"	195
Todd Boeckman	6'5"	220
Jacob Doss	6'4"	295
Matt Flynn	6'3"	220

Huntington Beach, CA
Charlotte, NC
San Leandro, CA
San Ramon, CA
Mobile, AL
San Diego, CA
Danville, CA
Punta Gorda, CA
Eupora, MS
Bloomington, IL
Baytown, TX
Buffalo Grove, IL
LaGrange, CA
Monroe, LA
Kenton, OH
Denton, TX
Jersey City, NJ
Orangeburg, SC
Palm Beach, FL
Bennetsville, SC
Avon, CT
Arlington, TX
St. Henry, OH
Lexington, KY
Tyler, TX

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

Aubrey McPhadden	6'6"	320
Martin O'Donnell	6'5"	280
Mike Jones	6'5"	280
Jorrie Adams	6'6"	285
Drew Radovich	6'4"	285
Duston Moore	6'5"	340
Kirk Elder	6'6"	290
Ofa Mahetau	6'3"	325
Fred McConnell	6'5"	320
Jerry Sevin	6'3"	280
Sam Baker	6'5"	290
Aaron Brant	6'7"	300
Will Arnold	6'5"	325
Marcus Coleman	6'5"	300
Brian Daniels	6'5"	285
Brett Thielke	6'5"	285
Andrew Bain	6'4"	320
Eric Young	6'4"	270
Aaron Sears	6'4"	290
Jordy Lipsey	6'4"	285
Joe Holler	6'6"	325
Shannon Boatman	6'7"	320
Kenyon Buford	6'5"	330
Chad Macklin	6'8"	270
Tyler Maclean	6'4"	300

Jacksonville, FL
Downers Grove, IL
Oak Lawn, IL
Jasper, TX
Mission Viejo, CA
Brenham, TX
Klein, TX
Eules, TX
Southfield, MI
River Ridge, LA
Tustin, CA
Dubuque, IA
Centerville, MS
Plymouth, MN
Denver, CO
Sammamash, WA
Pompano Beach, FL
Union, SC
Russellville, AL
Altamonte Springs, FL
Lancaster, PA
Beaumont, TX
Murfreesboro, TN
Visalia, CA
Cumming, GA

LINEBACKERS

Andre Reese	6'2"	225
Wes Jefferson	6'1"	230
Demario Pleasant	6'3"	200
Xavier Adibi	6'3"	210
Brandon Jackson	6'3"	225
TaTa Thompson	6'3"	225
Jim Pressley	6'3"	225
Lamar Mitchell	6'0"	230
Gene Coleman	6'3"	225
LaMarr Woodley	6'3"	245
Ernie Simms	6'1"	225
Vince Hall	6'1"	230
Joe Kedra	6'4"	220
Jermaine Dias	6'2"	210
Ernest Jones	6'4"	210
Preston Burgess	6'3"	220
Desmond Williams	6'2"	235
Brandon Jackson	6'3"	220
Horatio Blades	6'3"	230
Chad Adams	6'2"	235
Brian Banks	6'3"	230
Tahj Bomar	6'2"	210
Ryan Brown	6'2"	225
Jerome Johnson	6'2"	230
Dane Zaslav	6'2"	240

Pierson, FL
Brandywine, MD
Lewisville, TX
Hampton, VA
Lake Charles, LA
Garland, TX
Highland, MI
Dayton, TX
Lake Wales, FL
Saginaw, MI
Tallahassee, FL
Chesapeake, VA
Cherry Hill, NJ
Hackensack, NJ
Henderson, NJ
Warren, OH
Dacula, GA
Lake Washington, LA
Plantation, FL
Anchorage, AR
Long Beach, CA
Kent, WA
Moncks Corner, SC
Los Angeles, CA
Edmond, OK

RUNNING BACKS

Jason Evans	6'1"	190
Tyrone Moss	5'10"	210
Antonio Moss	5'9"	170
Ally Broussard	6'2"	225
Derrick Brown	5'11"	200
James Johnson	6'1"	190
Erik Hardeman	6'1"	205
AJ Johnson	6'0"	225
Pierre Thomas	5'11"	180
Danny Burney	6'0"	170
Tim Castille	6'0"	220
Sam Killingsworth	5'10"	185
Anton Campbell	6'0"	185
Cade Pittman	6'0"	190
Reggie Bush	6'0"	180
Andre Callender	5'10"	185
Cornell Johnson	6'0"	210
Chris Alexander	6'1"	225
Barrington Edwards	6'1"	210
Demetris Summers	6'2"	215
Courtney Tennial	5'10"	210
Skyler Thornton	6'0"	195
Eric Packer	5'9"	185
Joe Cohen	6'3"	240
Ron Thomas	6'1"	200

Kennesaw, GA
Pompano Beach, FL
Bossier City, LA
Lafayette, LA
Klein Oak, TX
Port Arthur, TX
Pflugerville, TX
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Lansing, IL
Sylmar, CA
Birmingham, AL
Ruleville, MS
O'Fallon, OH
North Platte, NE
San Diego, CA
West Orange, NJ
Las Vegas, NV
Humble, TX
Bowie, MD
Lexington, SC
Glenpool, OK
LaGrange, GA
Camden, AL
Palm Bay, FL
Victor Memorial, TX

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Doug Van Dyke	6'6"	245
Steven Jones	6'6"	290
Lawrence Jackson	6'4"	240
Tate Pittman	6'4"	275
Moe Dampier	6'4"	280
Robert Killebrew	6'1"	230
Shawn Crable	6'6"	240
Tez Doolittle	6'3"	260
Ryan Kilpatrick	6'4"	230
Kyle Caldwell	6'3"	270
Quinton Harris	6'5"	215
Justin Warren	6'3"	235
Sian Cotton	6'4"	290
Conrad Bolston	6'3"	270
David Patterson	6'3"	265
Fili Moala	6'6"	295
Joseph Bryant	6'4"	290
Victor Abaimiri	6'4"	240
Trevor Laws	6'3"	275
Brandon Maupin	6'6"	280
Richard Kittrell	6'5"	305
Matt Malele	6'4"	290
Sedric Ellis	6'4"	285
Nick Larkin	6'5"	250
Chris Malamet	6'5"	250

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DEFENSIVE BACKS

Prescott Burgess	6'3"	210
Chris Russell	6'3"	180
Tarell Brown	5'10"	180
Jesse Daniel	6'0"	180
Limus Sweed	6'5"	190
Donte Whitner	6'0"	170
Tony Cade	6'2"	200
Eric Jackson	6'2"	180
Jordan Jackson	6'5"	200
Tony Gonzalez	6'0"	180
Paul Oliver	6'0"	180
Brian Jones	6'1"	180
Dareus Hiley	6'1"	180
Ryan Smith	5'10"	175
Brandon Tripp	6'2"	190
John Randle	6'1"	175
Dee Webb	6'0"	185
Carlton Bailey	5'11"	170
Charles Timbers	5'10"	170
Chad Johnson	5'11"	180
Chris Felder	5'11"	170
Josh Ford	5'10"	170
Trumaine McBride	5'10"	170
Quinton Person	5'11"	175
Quinton Culbertson	6'2"	200

Warren, OH
Nashville, TN
North Mesquite, TX
Breaux Bridge, LA
Brenham, TX
Cleveland, OH
Plantation, FL
Duncanville, TX
Bunkie, LA
Cleveland, OH
Kennesaw, GA
Avon Lake, OH
Cleveland, OH
La Puente, CA
Los Alamitos, CA
Wichita, KS
Jacksonville, FL
Jonesboro, GA
Oakhurst, NJ
Shreveport, LA
Thomasville, AL
Carson, CA
Clarksdale, MS
Greenville, NC
Jackson, MS

WIDE RECEIVERS/TIGHT ENDS

B.J. Vickers	6'3"	200
Ervin Taylor	6'4"	185
Craig Davis	6'3"	190
Steve Smith	6'1"	190
Sean Bailey	6'1"	175
Greg Chambers	6'5"	190
Trey Kozio	6'7"	245
Mark Bradford	6'2"	190
Phillip Jones	6'0"	175
Lonnie Hurst	6'2"	180
Whitney Lewis	6'1"	215
Willie Hodges	5'10"	180
Devin Jordan	6'3"	180
Tristen Ross	6'2"	195
Dorien Bryant	6'0"	175
Greg Olsen	6'6"	235
Marcel Frost	6'5"	230
Quintin Daniels	6'1"	175
Ryan Mundy	6'2"	200
Jonathan Stupar	6'5"	245
Garrett Bushong	6'5"	225
Louis Irizarry	6'5"	235
Stephone Robinson	5'9"	185
Anthony Hill	6'2"	190
Antonio Cromartie	6'3"	195

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The Back Page

Athlon Sports' Ultimate Road Trip 2002

This is the third year for *Athlon Sports'* Ultimate Road Trip. Maybe the trip is still a dream. But someday ... Anyway, here's our schedule for 2002. Our goal is to see all 117 teams over five years; going into this season we're about halfway there. We just can't get enough!

Aug. 22 Colorado State at Virginia

We'll get an early look at Al Groh's heralded recruiting class at UVa.

Aug. 23 Fresno State at Wisconsin

We hope the Badgers' Lee Evans will be ready to show his stuff.

Aug. 24 Iowa State v. Florida State at Kansas City

Our pick for No. 1, the Seminoles begin their quest for the ultimate prize.

Aug. 25 Arkansas State at Virginia Tech

Our pick for No. 117, the Indians, begin their quest to avoid the ultimate embarrassment.

Aug. 29 Wake Forest at No. Illinois

BYU has been on the schedule seven times the last two seasons, five times at home. So we're okay with DeKalb. Besides, we get a chance to see the Cardinals and Reds in Cincinnati on the way from Blacksburg.

Aug. 30 Oklahoma at Tulsa

You wouldn't think No. 5 vs. No. 109 would be much of a game. 2001: Sooners won 58-0.

Aug. 31 Notre Dame v. Maryland at the Meadowlands

The Kickoff Classic has been on our schedule every year. We didn't want to miss Tyrone Willingham's debut as Irish coach, although we were tempted by Washington at Michigan.

Sept. 1 Louisville at Kentucky

Perhaps a hoops game will break out.

Sept. 2 Auburn at USC

We'll see if the Trojans can rediscover their running game tradition.

Sept. 5 Oregon State at Temple

If D-I football is being played, we'll be there.

Sept. 6 Hawaii at BYU

Even after all these trips, we still enjoy the BYU campus and stadium.

Sept. 7 Miami at Florida

This was a lock until Steve Spurrier turned pro. This renewed rivalry would have been much spicier with Steve.

Sept. 12 Marshall at Virginia Tech

We can't wait to see Byron Leftwich and his top receiving corps. Will we get a glimpse of Marcus Vick?

Sept. 14 Michigan at Notre Dame

One of college football's best rivalries in one of college football's best settings.

Sept. 19 Auburn at Mississippi State

We just can't seem to figure out the Bulldogs. We pick them to do well, they slump. We pick them to struggle, they win.

Sept. 20 UCF at Marshall

What an initiation into the MAC. UCF's first conference game ever is in Huntington.

Sept. 21 Florida at Tennessee

It won't be the same without the visor.

Sept. 26 Florida State at Louisville

Louisville's big chance on a national stage. The Cardinals will either win, or lose by 50.

Sept. 27 Texas Tech at New Mexico

Watching Kliff Kingsbury will be worth the trip to Albuquerque.

Sept. 28 SMU at Hawaii

Know any good travel agents who can get us from Albuquerque to Honolulu?

Oct. 3 Clemson at Florida State

This Bowden Bowl thing is getting old, but it's the only game on the slate. How about that? Back-to-back Thursdays with the Seminoles.

Oct. 4 Colorado State at Fresno State

The Rams are joining BYU and Louisville as the most-watched teams in college football.

Oct. 5 Navy at Air Force

It's early October, it's Colorado Springs, it's Academy football. What a day!

Oct. 8 Louisville at Memphis

Tuesday night in Memphis, a little music on Beale Street, some ribs at the Rendezvous, and, oh yeah, a football game.

Oct. 10 Virginia Tech at Boston College

This is our first trip to Boston since seeing Yale and Harvard two years ago.

Oct. 12 Texas v. Oklahoma at Dallas

What a day for a college football fan! If we were to ever break our rule about adjusting our schedule during the season, this would be the day. 1 v. 3, 2 v. 5, 4 v. 14 and 7 v. 10 (according to *Athlon Sports'* preseason rankings). We threw a dart at the schedule and hit Dallas.

Oct. 17 Georgia Tech at Maryland

This game may mean the difference between a Peach and a Tangerine.

Oct. 19 Ohio State at Wisconsin

The winner plays Michigan next month for the Big Ten Championship.

Oct. 24 BYU at Colorado State

We know these teams' families pretty well.

Oct. 26 Notre Dame at Florida State

Seminole, this is not a game to take lightly.

Oct. 30 Southern Miss at TCU

East Carolina at TCU on Oct. 30, 2001; sort of a Horned Frog Halloween Eve tradition.

Oct. 31 Colorado State at Air Force

Nothing spooky about this game.

Nov. 2 Texas at Nebraska

This has been designated Official Big 12 Day at Athlon Sports. Colorado is at Oklahoma as well, so the combatants in the Big 12 Championship Game will be determined today.

Nov. 9 Miami at Tennessee

This may be the non-conference game of the year. Is Neyland Stadium Hurricane-proof?

Nov. 12 Miami (Ohio) at Marshall

Tuesday night MAC football.

Nov. 14 Louisville at Southern Miss

Dave Ragone's last test before the Liberty Bowl, assuming the Cards rule C-USA.

Nov. 16 Washington at Oregon

We haven't scheduled the Ducks the last few years. This game may decide the Pac-10 title.

Nov. 20 West Virginia at Virginia Tech

Wednesday night? We've officially scheduled every day of the week now. This game features some of the best RBs in the country.

Nov. 21 Pittsburgh at Miami

Canes look unbeatable at the Orange Bowl.

Nov. 23 Michigan at Ohio State

It's time for the Big Ten Championship Game.

Nov. 28 Mississippi State at Ole Miss

This is our first Egg Bowl and first opportunity to tailgate at The Grove. Can't wait!

Nov. 29 Texas A&M at Texas

It's back to Texas after seeing Colorado manhandle Nebraska last year.

Nov. 30 Florida at Florida State

This game can never be too big.

Dec. 7 Army v. Navy at the Meadowlands

The SEC Championship and Big 12 Championship Games can be enjoyed just fine on TV. You have to be there in person for this one.

Bowls We're audacious enough to believe we already know the bowl matchups.

Dec. 17 NEW ORLEANS BOWL

Enjoying the Big Easy with the Blue Raiders.

Dec. 18 GMAC BOWL

Fortunately, Mobile is a short drive from New Orleans. Southern Miss will have a big crowd.

Dec. 23 TANGERINE BOWL

Never have enough time in Orlando.

Dec. 25 LAS VEGAS BOWL

We passed up Hawaii for the Bruins-Cougars.

Dec. 26 INSIGHT.COM BOWL

Tourists: Hoover Dam and Grand Canyon.

Dec. 27 HOLIDAY BOWL

Not only is San Diego a great city, but this could be USC vs. Nebraska. How about that?

Dec. 28 SYLVANIA ALAMO BOWL

Can't miss this Big Ten-Big 12 showdown. A&M losses a squeaker to Michigan State.

Dec. 30 MUSIC CITY BOWL

Finally, a little time at home.

Dec. 31 SUN BOWL

The Liberty Bowl would be more feasible, but Washington State-Illinois is more intriguing.

Jan. 1 SUGAR BOWL

Tennessee-Oklahoma?

Jan. 2 ORANGE BOWL

Will Miami host LSU?

Jan. 3 FIESTA BOWL

If Florida State defeats Texas, we'll be gloating. If not, we'll just be the happiest (and tireddest) college football fans in America.



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